Two Big Features at the Coyle Monday. "THE UNLUCKY HORSESHOE," 3 parts. "BEFORE THE WHITE MAN CAME." 2 parts. Bison

THE CHARLEROI MAIL

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VALUATION INCREASES IN SUM OF $135,575

Triennial Statement Shows Progress of Charleroi

SECOND IN THE COUNTY

"Magic City" Next to Washington in Number of Taxables

According to the triennial assessment of the borough of Charleroi the valuation of property subject to taxation here is $135,575 more than it was in 1910. The triennial statement was published today by the county commissioners. The total valuation is $3,463,000.

Since 1910 there has been an almost steady gain in Charleroi. The value of houses, lots, mills, factories etc., increased by the assessment taken during the fall of 1912 by Assessor J. L. Reeves to the extent of $150,100. However, there were in some instances decreases.

The number of taxables in the borough increased from 2,601 to 2,383 in three years, or 218. The value of occupations decreased from the 1910 assessment from $241,375 to $222,595, or to the extent of $18,780.

There are 181 horses in Charleroi now, or to be exact just one more than at the time of the last assessment. The value of the horses is $14,930, which places the value of each horse at $82.43. In 1910 the value of all horses was $11,550, or a little more than $64 apiece.

Fifty-six cattle, as compared with the 27 of 1910, have a valuation of $1,715. The 1910 valuation of cattle was $840. The money at interest amounts to $142,479.

Announcement is made by the county commissioners that the Board of Revision will meet in the commissioner's office in Washington on Monday January 20 for the purpose of making equalization of the assessments. One feature in the report of the tri-ennial assessment is that next to Washington, Charleroi has the largest number of taxables of any town, or city or township in the county, but in valuation is surpassed by Washington borough, Amwell township, North Strabane township, Nottingham township, Somerset township, West Bethlehem township, and Monongahela. The townships are rich in their coal territory. Donora has a big valuation because of the large steel mills. It surpasses Charleroi by about $500,000. Somerset has the next largest valuation, Washington only leading it.

Speers has a total valuation of $139,060, and North Charleroi $400,145.

Notice

Riggs and Stech, the most up-to-date Shoe Store in the valley will give to each and every new born baby a pair of soft sole shoes. Call at our store and make your selection. 118-tf

J. I. Kearns, of West Union, W. Va., after a visit with his brothers James Kearnes, of McKean avenue left today for his home.

Men's all solid work shoes $1.50, Saturday special. Sample Shoe Store. 137-t2

Snow Makes Traffic Hard

Heavy Fall of White Disarranges Train and Trolley Schedules

Charleroi and in fact the whole of Western Pennsylvania got its first real experience of the winter with a heavy snow Friday, in the shape of a near blizzard that blocked trolley and railway lines and made going of any kind difficult. By this morning affairs were gotten in shape so that the railway and trolley line traffic was up nearly to schedule. Roads were blocked in the nearby townships, and farmers had trouble getting them broken enough to make their regular Saturday visit to town.

COUNTY WEALTH SHOWN

Total Valuation for Taxable Purposes is $124,115

COAL VERY VALUABLE

The total valuation of all taxable property in Washington county is $124,115,205, according to the returns from the triennial assessments. The total of the assessment is the following:

Number of taxables, 42,409; value of occupations, $3,920,085 number of horses, 14,480; value, $1,268,575; number of cattle, 14,280; value $445,250; acres of cleared land, 489,070; acres of timber land, 16,495; acres of coal, 332,960; value of coal, $46,458,578; acres of surface, 360,415; value, $17,412,852; acres of land, 134,719; value, $12,837,043; values of houses, lots, etc., $41,763,322; money at interest, $17,148,140.

Coyle Theatre Monday—Special.

"The Unlucky Horseshoe," big Kinograph three-reel feature. A straight clean drama, full of action and gripping heart interest, where a steeplechase decides the case of two suitors for the hand of one woman. A lucky horseshoe turns the trick. Also "Before the White Man Came," a Bison in two reels. Story of an old Apache legend. Splendid pictures of prehistorical American life. Four reels. Monday, January 6. Adults 10 cents. Children 5 cents. 138t1

Everhart Studio.

Portraits—Make an engagement. Fifth and Fallowfield, Charleroi, Pa. 138t4

Men's plain rubbers, 63c. Charleroi Sample Shoe Store. 137-t2

NO ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL THIS YEAR

New Law Makes Change in System Necessary---Election of Officers Not to be Held Until the First of Next January

Owing to the change in the laws regulating election and organization of councilmen, the Charleroi council will neither organize on Monday nor elect any new officers. The law compels the organization of councils in municipalities over the State the first Monday of January, biennially. Council organized last year, which means there will be no organization until 1914.

Council will hold its regular monthly meeting on next Tuesday night, when the regular monthly routine of business will be taken up.

Four councilmen are to be elected at the fall election in November. They will take their offices the first of next year at the time of organization.

At the time of organization the three police will be elected, the borough clerk, the borough engineer, drivers, borough solicitor, and other municipal officers.

NOBODY-LOVE-YOU LOOK INDICATES ATTACK OF GRIP

Though the cold weather is not generally very much admired it is regarded as somewhat of a blessing by those suffering from grip and those who have been trying to keep the disease at arm's length. The grip is very distinguishable these days. When you meet people that are wearing that "nobody-loves-me" look and tell you that they feel like thunder all over and just ache and ache, and oh! that awful head, then you have pretty conclusive evidence that they have the grip.

The combination look and feeling is said to be contagious, which probably accounts for the big number of cases of grip in Charleroi.

EXPECTED TO RECOVER FROM SERIOUS BURNS

Miss Lillian Belle Parsons, daughter of B. L. Parsons who was seriously burned Friday morning when her clothing caught fire at a grate, is still suffering greatly from her burns, but seems improved. Unless there are some unexpected complications, Miss Parsons will recover.

A Reduction in the Cost of Living.

Beginning Monday, January 6, the Co-Operative Store will pay a cash dividend or discount of 5 per cent on all goods bought and taken from its stores. Members and non-members will continue to receive the regular dividend checks in connection with the cash discount of 5 per cent. The directors of the Association are of the opinion that no one should share in expenses he does not help to make.

Any one coming to the store, buying and taking his purchase away, saves the Association solicitor and driver's expenses. To those we extend a cordial invitation, and will help to reduce the cost of living to a minimum. A cash discount of 5 per cent added to our regular dividend means a saving of at least 10 per cent. If you consider that our average prices are lower than other stores the saving is still larger.

No use kicking about prices if you do not practice saving where it can be done. The Association will furnish market baskets free of charge to its patrons, and with your help, we may do still better things.

138-t1 The Co-Operative Store.

Boy's high cut shoes 1 to 5 1-2, $1.95. Charleroi Sample Shoe Store. 137-t2

Mrs. P. Connelly and son Master Joseph who had been visiting relatives in Sharpsburg have returned home.

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Men's rubber boots, $2.95. Charleroi Sample Shoe Store. 137-t2

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Wilson, January 1, of Eighth street, a son.

MRS. GARRETT DIES, AGED 29, AT HOME HERE

Mrs. Sara A. Garrett, aged 29 years, the wife of George Garrett, died this morning at 7:35 o'clock, at her home 809 Lookout avenue after an extended illness. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock conducted by Rev. Cherry of the Church of Jesus Christ. Interment will be made in the Charleroi cemetery. Mrs. Garrett was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gelder of Crest avenue. Besides the husband, one child, George Willard, aged 3 survives.

WOMAN KNOWN IN CHARLEROI DIES IN FAYETTE COUNTY

Mrs. Mary Jane Craft, widow of Isaiah Craft, of Heistersburg, five miles south of Brownsville died at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon at her home after an illness of two years. Mrs. Craft was one of the oldest and wealthiest women in that section of the county. Death was due to hardening of the arteries. She had been confined to her bed for the past two months and for six weeks had no use of her limbs. She suffered a paralytic stroke at 3 o'clock in the morning and from that time until her death she gradually declined.

Mrs. Craft was 76 years of age. She was born November 2, 1836 at Merrittstown. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham. Mrs. Craft was a lifelong Christian woman and a devoted student of the Bible. She was a member of the Hopewell Presbyterian church for many years and until her illness two years ago, took an active part in the affairs of the church.

She is survived by two sisters, the Misses Martha and Mary Cunningham, of Heistersburg, and two grandchildren, Mrs. Charles Newcomer, of Charleroi, and Edgar Craft of Brownsville.

Funeral services were held at the Craft residence, near Heistersburg at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, Rev. A. T. Huber, pastor of the Hopewell Presbyterian church officiating. Interment was in the Redstone cemetery at Brownsville. The deceased was well known in Fallowfield township.

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The White Sewing Machine company at 423 Fallowfield avenue is giving away a $75.00 White Rotary Sewing Machine to the highest bidder. Contest closes January 15, 1913. Comein and register your bid. 136-t12

NOTICE

On account of death in the family our places of business will be closed on Monday, January 6.

Wm. Gelder,
Jas. Gelder.

138t1

Men's high cut shoes at $2.45. Charleroi Sample Shoe Store. 137-t2

GEN. BIXBY ASKS THAT LOCK NO. 6 BE BUILT

Chief of Army Engineers Seeks Appropriation for Purpose

REPORTS WORK AT NO. 4

Tells Congress of Start Made Here on New Lock---Coal Men Want to Talk

Construction of Lock No. 4 was shown to be in progress, and the construction of Lock No. 6 was reported to be badly needed by Gen. W. H. Bixby, chief of engineers of the United States Army in his report which was transmitted to Congress Friday. Two plans for rebuilding Lock No. 6 are suggested; one to construct a single lock around the old one at a cost of $350,400, and the other to construct a double lock chamber at a cost of $557,000. The former plan is the one favored by Gen. Bixby, while the river men prefer the latter plan.

Entirely out of date and inadequate for the traffic it is expected to handle is the way J. C. Neff, president of the Crucible Coal company, and J. W. D. Dougherty, president of the Pittsburg Crucible Steel company characterized Lock No. 6, in interviews at Washington Friday with Representative A. J. Barchfeld, and other members of the Rivers and Harbors committee. The coal men are anxiously seeking a hearing before the Rivers and Harbors committee on the matter of improvement of Lock No. 6.

A single company has expended $700,000 in opening and developing coal mining properties and manufacturing plants above Lock No. 6 and will have a tonnage of at least 1,000,000 tons a year of coal to pass through the lock. The same company is spending $500,000 in the construction of barges and steamboats for transporting coal from above Lock No. 6, and it is contended that the locks should be large enough to receive the same size coal barges which the other locks receive, so as to prevent reloading. The Rivers and Harbors committee will meet on Monday and may consider the matter.

Progress on Bridge Slow

Lack of Material Only Thing However That Will Hold Back at Belle Vernon

During the past two weeks there has been some work done by the contractor on the iron work of the Speers-Belle Vernon bridge, according to the Belle Vernon Enterprise. Four or five men have been at work getting the material placed and just as soon as it is possible to get things ready more men will be put on and the job rushed to completion.

Work has been proceeding rather slow, but it is stated that progress on the bridge will now be hindered only by the lack of sufficient material.

OFFICERS OF BOARD ARE NAMED

Officers Elected by Poor Organization in County

REPORTS ARE RECEIVED

At the reorganization meeting of the county poor board at Washington this week the board officers for the coming year were named and the employes of the County and Children's home selected. The three members of the board, H. C. Browneller, of West Brownsville; R. C. Buchanan, of Washington, and Dr. R. W. Wolfe, of Taylorstown, were all present. Mr. Browneller was chosen president, while Mr. Buchanan was named secretary and treasurer.

But two changes were made in the present force of employes at the two county institutions, a new farmer being named at each home. At the County home John W. Quivey was elected superintendent, with Mrs. Quivey as matron. Fred Huffman was elected engineer, Dr. C. B. Woods was elected physician and Mr. Breese was selected as farmer.

At the Children's home Mrs. Hetty Porch was re-elected superintendent at a salary of $1,000 a year while the other selections were as follows: Dr. G. M. Kelly, physician at $200 a year; J. H. Paul, engineer at $60 a month; Wylie Dorman, of Rea, to succeed William Ross as farmer, $40 a month; Mrs. Belle Young, matron of the girl's department; Miss Emily Nelson, matron of the boy's department; Mrs. L. A. Dagg, seamstress, and Miss Etta Fulton, teacher.

Mrs. Porch's annual report which was submitted to the poor directors was of a most satisfactory nature. It showed that on January 1, 1912, there were 72 children in the home. The following figures indicate the year's work: Children admitted during the year; 185; placed in homes, 49; returned to parents, 114; legally adopted, 5; sent to other institutions, 31; taken by juvenile court, 14; died 1; dismissed during year 208; cared for during year, 306; in the home at the present time, 48.

The aim of Mrs. Porch has been to keep the children in the home only until they could be placed in homes where they could receive the best of treatment. At the present time all the little wards of the county are in excellent health, there not having been a case of sickness for four weeks.

Funeral Held Today

The funeral of Mrs. Anna L. Dunn who was killed on the Pittsburg-Charleroi railways line New eYar's day was held from her home in Naomi today. Arrangements will be made by Coroner Heffran for an inquest later.

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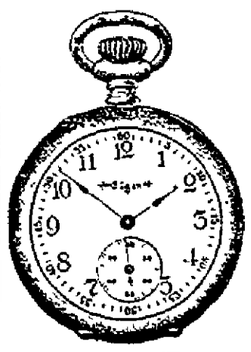

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INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS.

One of the great defects in the laws ofthis country is that they are not clear and specific, and that individuals, if they secure all the rights and privileges that are coming to them, are obliged to fight their cases through court at their own expense. Some of the examples of this are where public service corporations impose regulations and charges on the public unlawfully, and it is up to the individual to establish his rights in the case through the courts. It is stated that it is contrary to law for a public service corporation to make a person buy the meter to measure the product the corporation sells, yet to assert this right involves a long and expensive litigation, and the result is that each individual submits to the extortion because he can't afford to make the corporation play fair.

This is the result of having all our laws count made. When congress or the legislature enacts a law no one accepts it, but goes on and violates its provisions at will. Then if an attempt is made to enforce the law it is taken to court, and after a tortuous and expensive passage to the last court of appeals, the law is as likely to be declared inoperative as to stand. This is entirely wrong. The sovereign people should have the law making power entirely in their own hands, and it should never be necessary for an individual to have to submit to being held up and plundered, just because he is too poor to fight for his rights through the courts. So long as the people have the voting power in their own hands they can vote out this injustice as well as some of the other things they have been changing lately.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE GAINING.

In accordance with the pledges of the Democratic platform of New York, Governor Sulzer, the newly elected executive of the Empire State has recommendd in his message to the legislature that a measure be adopted at once providing for a constitutional amendment to that effect to be submitted to the voters. It will depend upon the voters whether or not the measure will carry. Unfortunately this referendum is up to the men alone to decide.

It is not only possible but quite probable that the Pennsylvania legislature may pass a bill this session for an amendment to submit the question of woman suffrage to the voters of the state. Such a bill will be introduced, and a number of prominent politicians have declared in favor of submitting the question to the voters. Among these are United States Senator Boise Penrose, whose declaration has encouraged the suffragets to the extent that they almost see victory ahead for their cause. Woman suffrage is not far off, and even if the amendment to submit the question to the voters should happen to be defeated, it will be sure to win at the next trial.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

This sporadic lighting system is what might be termed a "religion tester."

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The churches are now looking for the guy that puts do in donation.

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Rinehart, of Waynesburg is said to have put the Western Penitentiary upon a money making basis. Wonder who handled the funds?

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John R. K. Scott of Philadelphia is a candidate for the speakership of the State House of Representatives. That disproves the assertion that J. K. P. Hall is the only alphabetical individual who thinks he is entitled to honors.

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It seems funny that some folks can't learn that when the house starts a card game, the house doesn't expect to lose.

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Another guide has been killed accidentally by a hunter in Maine. It beats all how the supply of Main guides hold out.—Philadelphia Star.

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Some soap is made with lye, and its reputation with lies.

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No, Madge, the speaker of the House isn't elected this year until the legislature convenes.

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Compliments of reality differ from the circus variety like a politician from an acrobat.

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It is funny the way users of one kind of "dope" will deplore the evil done other people by another variety.

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Business didn't stop even if people did have to write the numerals 1913.

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The regular annual announcement is being made that Greene county is to have a railroad.

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Everybody is a better politician in his own mind than the man who does the running.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

Discussing the criticisms and weaknesses of our public school system, which are now being widely exploited in the magazines and periodicals, Supt. Thos. L. Pollock stated that one of the deficiencies was ably illustrated by the poor washerwoman, who sent the following note regarding her little daughter to the school teacher:

"Dear Ma'am—I write you this note to see if I can't make some different arrangements regarding my little girl's lessons. I have to work hard washing all day, and when work late every night teaching my girl her lessons for you to hear. I thought may be we could arrange it so that you could teach her the lessons at school and let me hear them at home, as it would save me much time and work.

Your truply,
Mrs. ———"

"This," said Supt. Pollock, "is perhaps the chief reason why so many objections are being raised against home study by school pupils. The child is too often not properly taught each day at school, and has to make up the deficiency at home. With proper teaching at school, some supplemental home study cannot be detrimental to any child."

"Oh!" exclaimed a vivacious young woman clerk at the Monongahela postoffice Friday morning when she opened a mail bag for the early morning distribution of mail. Then she remembered there were duties elsewhere in the postoffice demanding her instant attention. Another clerk essayed to sort out the mail, and found he wasn't feeling very well, and needed a walk around the block.

Finally a strong healthy individual undertook the work of distribution. He emptied the mail bag. His distressed countenance proved something was very much wrong. Standing as far back from the "operating" table as possible and still work, he separated the parcels—for it was the parcels post mail—into their proper classification. Unable to stand the insistent calling of a something he investigated. The postoffice was practically deserted by the time he had completed his Sherlock performance because of the plain insult to olfactory organs. Only one individual stood his ground, it is related, he a stolid looking individual. The clerk finally noticed him at the window.

"Dot's mine. Gif me dot," the stolid chap is said to have demanded.

"Gosh!" exploded the clerk, "Take it, and get out, if you value your life."

It was Limberger cheeze somebody had sent through the mail. The postoffice was fumigated.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

And the Necessity For Cultivating the Art of Enunciation.

Speaking is one of those arts which people seem to think are unnecessary to study and learn, and the probability is that most speakers of the kind mentioned are blissfully unaware of their inaudibility Doubtless their voice resounds comfortably in the empty spaces of their own chest and head, and this prevents them from knowing that it does not penetrate to the auditory apparatus of other people.

To be a lecturer it is not only necessary to know your subject, but the art of enunciation and audible delivery needs to be learned also. And the sound of one's voice in one's own ears is a most misleading guide Such people ought to be trained by being made to read or speak from one end of a large room to somebody teaching them at the other end, when they would soon find out that tones which will pass muster in a conversation are useless in a public speech.

In conversation we carelessly slur half our syllables, leaving our interlocutor to guess them from the context, but this will not do in a public speech, where people are too far off to catch the signs. Again, a word pronounced in the ordinary English way—of throwing a strong accent on a single syllable and slurring the other syllables—becomes reduced to a mere monosyllable when said in that manner in a large room.—Theosophical Path.

The People of Great Britain.

Ethnologically Great Britain is a mixture of many races, resulting from a succession of invasions When the Romans invaded Britain the inhabitants were Celtic, mixed with an earlier Euskarian non-Aryan element. They continued to be mainly so until the fifth and sixth centuries, when the level parts of the country were overrun by German tribes Then followed invasions by the Danes and other Scandinavian tribes and lastly the Norman conquest. The inhabitants of England and the lowlands of Scotland, therefore, sprang from an amalgamation of the original Celtic with German and Scandinavian blood Wales and the highlands of Scotland are still inhabited by descendants of the ancient Celtic tribes The people of Ireland also are of Celtic origin, although there is an admixture of many other races.

A Sundial That "Struck."

Paris is said to posses more sundials than any city in the world In the eighteenth century the sundial was popular in Paris. Every day at noon the sundial of the Palais Royal was the center of a host of an eager crowd. A writer tells of a "great crowd in the corner of the Palais Royal garden, standing motionless, with their noses in the air. Each was waiting for noon, having his watch in hand, ready to set at 12 o'clock. When the Duke of Orleans was altering the palace in 1782 the Parisians were much disturbed, thinking that they were to be deprived of their favorite sundial. But the duke not only preserved the sundial, but added to it a little powder magazine, which was so arranged that it exploded when the sunlight fell upon it, thus notifying every one who heard the explosion that the hour of noon had arrived. Later a cannon, which was discharged by the sun at noon, gave the signal.

Information Not Needed.

A middle aged woman went into a shop and without hesitation made straight for the crape counter. The girl who handled this funeral material was extremely affable.

"We have a large stock of crapes," she explained. "Let me show you some new French goods, very popular at this time for every kind of mourning and designed to express every degree of grief. If you will tell me for whom you are in mourning I can fix you out in exactly the right thing."

"Husband," replied the customer briefly.

"In that case," said the girl graciously, "I can tell you just what"—

"Young lady," interrupted the older woman angrily, "you needn't bother yourself. This is the fourth husband I've buried, and I know all about it."—St. Paul Dispatch.

Two Puns.

Miss Young—After all, what is marriage but a mistery?

Miss Older—Yes, and what is spinsterhood but perpetual missery?—London Tit-Bits.

A DETECTIVE STORY.

One They Tell In London on Two American Police Officials.

As an illustration of the good nature of Frank Froest, who used to be chief of Scotland Yard, they tell this story in London:

Many years ago two American detectives chanced to be in London together, awaiting the extradition of criminals who had been arrested in England for offenses committed in the United States. The Hotel Victoria was then American headquarters in London, and one evening the two Hawkshaws, who had had a convivial day, fell asleep side by side on a divan in the big smoking room of the hostelry. An American humorist found a pair of handcuffs in the office of the manager of the hotel and proceeded to shackle the pair together, when for two or three hours they slumbered peacefully while the guests of the hotel, American and English including the ladies, came to gaze upon the scene.

When the detectives finally awakened about 1 o'clock in the morning it was impossible to find a key to the handcuffs and hence impossible to liberate them. They would not hear of sending to a police station for assistance lest the story of their ridiculous plight get out, but they had confidence that Froest, who was then a plain detective inspector, would not betray them. A messenger to Scotland Yard, near by, learned that Froest had gone home long before, but got his address several miles away in the suburbs. An American newspaper man who knew Froest reached his home by cab after 2 o'clock in the morning. He was awakened from slumber and without protest came all the way to the Victoria and released his fellow craftsmen.—New York Sun.

A Modern Raleigh.

He was a stalwart young citizen, she a charming young woman. They were under an awning. The rain had ceased, but the street was muddy. He did not look like Sir Walter Raleigh, nor did she look like Queen Elizabeth. But probably Q. E. never looked prettier.

"Wuxtry pelpers!" shouted a newsboy.

"Say, kid," he said, "are you too busy to earn a half dollar?"

"Well, Bo," replied the boy, "do I look like a cheap edition of Mr. Rocke-by-baby? Show me de mun."

"Well, boy, take your papers, spread 'em out from curb to car track. Cover the mud with 'em. Get busy!"

He paid the astonished boy. The car came. He bowed in courtly manner to the queen. She blushed and said:

"Oh, Billy, you foolish boy!" But she walked over the papered path as proudly as Q. E. could have done.

Then, like Q. E., she sentenced him for life. He is her meal ticket now.—Chicago Record-Herald

"More Bacon."

Many years ago Congdon's tavern in Wickford, Rhode Island, was famous for its good cheer, and in "Early Rhode Island" W. B. Weeden has an entertaining tale of John Randolph of Roanoke, who was once a visitor at the inn.

Mr. Randolph was on his way to Newport and made his journey on horseback with his cousin Edmund secretary of state under Washington All the way from New York "ham and eggs" had been the universal fare. At Wickford Congdon said he would give them clams for supper. The eccentric John of Roanoke rubbed his hands in pleased expectation. Then appeared the host again, saying the tide was too high for clams, but they should have some capital quahaugs.

"Good heavens," exclaimed Randolph, who did not know that the quahaug is a hard shelled variety of clam, "more bacon!"

The Academy Shine.

The man who has the most highly polished shoes in Paris today is Paul Bourget. To one of his friends who was marveling not long ago at their incomparable brilliancy he communicated, under an oath of secrecy, this recipe:

"First you wash the shoe so-so with some water. Then you dry it and rub blacking cloth over it. Next you take a second cloth, softer than the first, and rub until the shine is perfection itself. Then with a sheep bone you rub for five minutes to fix the blacking, and that operation puts it in the proper condition to receive the polish, which you spread on with your thumb. All you have to do after that is to let it dry."

For your shoes to acquire the academy brilliancy you polish unceasingly and then polish them some more.—Paris Pele Mele.

An Editor Extinguished.

Here is a story of a bumptious editor, told in W. H. Rideing's "Many Celebrities and a Few Others." The editor sat beside Mr. Gladstone at a dinner party.

"I received a note from you a few days ago," said Mr. Gladstone pleasantly.

"From me? Not from me. I am sure you didn't. You may have had one from my secretary."

Mr. Gladstone, though clearly hurt, nodded his head gently in acquiescence, and the conversation went on, Mr. Gladstone taking a predominant share. But the editor was not allowed to get a word in edgewise for the rest of the evening. Mr Gladstone would neither see him nor hear him, and, except to himself, he was nonexistent.

Too Much For Webster

In the somewhat famous case of Mrs. Bodgen's will, which was tried in the supreme court many years ago, Daniel Webster appeared as counselor for the appellant Mrs. Greenough, wife of the Rev. William Greenough was a very self possessed witness. Notwithstanding Mr. Webster's repeated efforts to disconcert her, she pursued the even tenor of her way until Webster, becoming quite fearful of the result, arose, apparently in great agitation, and, drawing out his large muffbox, thrust his thumb and finger to the very bottom and, carrying a deep pinch to both nostrils, drew it up with gusto, and then, extracting from his pocket a very large handkerchief, he blew his nose with a report that rang distinct and loud through the crowded hall.

He then asked, "Mrs Greenough was Mrs. Bodgen a neat woman?"

"I cannot give you full information as to that, sir. She had one very dirty trick," replied the witness.

"What was that, ma'am?"

"She took snuff!"

Resting on His Laurels.

An undertaker was discussing queer sepultures.

"A queer sepulture indeed," he said, "was that of a German playwright, Gustave von Moser Von Moser kept in his house a costly and beautiful urn. He purposed to be cremated, and his ashes were to be put in the urn afterward.

"But the strangest thing about the urn was that it contained a little bed of ashes during Von Moser's life. He used, you see, to get a good many laurel wreaths when his new plays were put on, and he would take a sprig from each wreath, burn it and drop the ashes into the urn.

"'My own ashes,' he would say, 'will be on top. Thus after death it may be truly said of me that I am resting on my laurels."—New York Tribune

Flags We Have Known.

The first flag to float over American soil was the royal standard of Isabella, emblazoned with the arms of Castile and Leon. A white flag with a green cross was its companion. Some years after Columbus landed at San Salvador the Cabots planted the banner of England and of St. Mark of Venice on the eastern shore of North America. In the centuries that have intervened since a variety of national flags have waved where now only the stars and stripes is the accepted emblem. Over Texas have floated the French, Spanish, English, American and Confederate; in Louisiana the lilies of France, the Spanish flag, the tricolor, the American and Confederate flags; in California the Spanish, Mexican, Russian and American.

Moors Consider Us Dirty.

A habit of our own which we consider far more cleanly than eating with our fingers is looked upon by the Moors as filthy—that is, washing our hands or face in a basin and, still more, taking a bath where the water is not running. The cleaner we become, they say, the dirtier the water we are washing with must necessarily become, and eventually we step forth as cleansed from water which is no longer clean. A Moor to wash his hands has the water poured from a vessel over them, and never by any chance dips them into the dirty water. The same way in their baths. The water is thrown over their bodies out of bright brass bowls and flows away through holes in the marble or tile floor.

Mammy's Expedient.

Little Rastus was becoming very objectionable in school because his wool was growing longer and longer, far beyond the cutting stage The teacher tried hinting to no purpose and then told him outright to go have his hair cut, giving him a quarter for the purpose

Rastus broke out crying and said "No, ma'am; I dassn't hab it cut. My mammy, she wants a new switch, and she's done a-growin' it on me."—Ladies' Home Journal

In a Bad Way.

"I fear that my husband will break down He is suffering from brain exhaustion."

"How dreadful! What are his symptoms?"

"He latterly keeps repeating himself in his excuses for coming home late from the club, dear."

What She Really Wanted.

Ferdie had just proposed to Millie.

"No, Ferdie," she said; "I cannot marry you The man who gets me must be a grand man, upright and square"

"My dear girl," said Ferdie, "you don't want a man; you want a piano"—Exchange

Translating the Definition.

Johnny—Papa, what does precocious mean? Papa—It means—a—it is a term applied to children who know more than is usual at their age. Johnny—Oh, yes; it means a fresh kid!

For Appearance.

"How can you marry a man as old as all that?"

"Well, mother says I will look well in white, and sister says I will look well in black."—Pittsburgh Post.

Money and Trouble.

"Money, after all, means nothing but trouble."

"Still, it is the only kind of trouble which it is hard to borrow"—Baltimore American.

He that falls into sin is a man; he that grieves at it is a saint; that boasteth of it is a devil.—Fuller.

WHISTLER AT WORK.

The Eccentric Artist Had a Method That Was All His Own.

In "Memories of James McNeill Whistler," by Thomas R. Way, the author allows us a glance at the artist's methods during his residence at the white house in Tite street, built from the designs of his friend, E. W. Godwin, the architect:

"The studio was surprisingly different from the room he previously used in Lindsay row, and entirely unlike the studios usually occupied by other artists. I remember a long, not very lofty room, very light, with windows along one side; his canvas beside his model at one end and at the other, near the table which he used as a palette, an old Georgian looking glass, so arranged that he could readily see his canvas and model reflected in it. Those who used such a mirror (as he did constantly) will know that it is the most merciless of critics.

"I marveled then at his extraordinary activity, as he darted backward and forward to look at both painting and model from his point of view at the extreme end of the long studio. He always used brushes of large size with very long handles, three feet in length, and held them from the end with his arm stretched to its full extent. Each touch was laid on with great firmness, and his physical strength enabled him to do without the assistance of a maulstick, while the distance at which he stood from the canvas allowed him to have the whole of a large picture in sight and so judge the correct drawing of each touch."

Beauty Never Dies.

Nothing of beauty dies without having purified something, nor can aught of beauty be lost. Let us not be afraid of sowing it along the road. It may remain there for weeks or years, but like the diamond it cannot dissolve and finally there will pass some one whom its glitter will attract. He will pick it up and go his way rejoicing. Then why keep back a lofty, beautiful word, for that you doubt others will understand? An instant of higher goodness was impending over you. Why hinder its coming even though you believe not that those about you will profit thereby? What if you are among the men of the valley, is that sufficient reason for checking the instinctive movement of your soul toward the mountain peaks?—Maurice Maeterlinck.

Herculaneum and Pompeii.

The twin cities of mournful destiny were both engulfed at the same time—August, 79 A. D. The reason why Herculaneum has not been excavated to the same extent as Pompeii is owing to the fact that it was covered with a much harder material than was Pompeii; the dust predominating in Pompeii, while the lava prevailed over Herculaneum. There is not much doubt about the eventual opening up of both cities. Human curiosity, together with the demands of history and science, will not rest until Herculaneum has been made to tell its secrets.—New York American.

Norway In Scotland.

The Orkney and Shetland islands, strictly speaking, belong to the kingdom of Norway. Toward the close of the fifteenth century King Christian of Norway pledged the Orkneys and the Shetlands, over which his rule was undisputed, to King James III. of Scotland for the payment of the dowry of his daughter Margaret, who became queen of Scotland. The pledge has not been redeemed.

Selecting Judges.

Dr. Franklin thought that judges ought to be appointed by lawyers for, added the shrewd man, in Scotland, where this practice prevails, they always select the ablest member of the profession in order to get rid of him and share his practice among themselves

The Oldest Order.

What is the oldest order in existence? The claim is made for that of the holy sepulcher. It appears that no date or the name of a founder can be assigned to the Order of the Holy Sepulcher, though there is a legendary tradition that traces its origin to the time of Charlemagne. In the middle of the last century, however, when the Latin patriarchate of Jerusalem was re-established, the office of grand master of the order was transferred to it by Pope Pius IX. who many years later, in 1868, created by statute three ranks of the order—the grand cross, commander and knight. The costume is a white cloak with the cross of Jerusalem in red enamel. The pope himself is grand master of the order.—Westminster Gazette.

Reason Was Plain.

"My husband has deserted me, and I want a warrant," announced the large lady.

"What reason did he have for deserting you?" asked the prosecutor.

"I don't want any lip from you; I want a warrant. I don't know what reason he had."

"I think I understand his reason," said the official feebly as he proceeded to draw up a warrant.—Pittsburgh Post.

Quite Deaf.

When a defendant in Edgware police court said that he wished to call his mother as a witness the court officer observed that she had been in court all the time and had heard the evidence.

The Mother (from the rear of the court)—Yes, but I'm stone deaf and can't hear a word. The Clerk (in a whisper)—Quite deaf? The Mother—Yes

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AMONG THE THEATRES

THE PALACE—CHARLEROI

New Year's week witnessed a period of stellar features at the Palace Theatre. Beginning Monday night with "The Unknown Mother," one of those big three-reel foreign features, a succession of charming attractions has been presented. This great film was an exposition of a phase of foreign life, that is graphically portrayed in the works of Gaboreau, Dumas and other French writers. For a New Year attraction the Palace presented 'Monte Carlo,' which showed the gay life at this noted gambling resort, the last great legalized concern of the kind that is permitted to operate openly in the civilized world, and which in exchange for its franchise pays all the public expenses of the diminutive principality of Monaco. New Year's being Pathe Weekly night No. 52 of this popular pictorial review proved a drawing holiday attraction. The Bulletin showed scenes from the seat of the Balkan war, in Turkey, in Servia, and other points. An interesting scene was the reading of the declaration of peace in the Turkish-Italian war in Tripoli. The recent Congress of Governors was shown in Richmond, Va. The launching of a Hudson River steamer, attended by 50 red-headed girls was also shown. In addition to these special features was the usual quota of the best releases of the licensed films, which are so popular with patrons of the Palace.

THE COYLE—CHALREROI.

A memorable program featured New Year's week at the Coyle Theatre. On New Year's Day was presented "The Vengeance of Egypt," which scored another triumph for Manager R. S. Coyle who is bending every effort to make his three-reel features worth the extra price charged. The story of "The Vengeance of Egypt" has all the potency of one of the weird tales of Edgar Allen Poe, in which the stealing of a ring from a mummy's finger brought a century of disaster in its wake. Another feature that was presented on New Year's day was "The Goat Girl of Bear Canyon." While this was a drama, the setting was a goat ranch in Mexico, which gave the picture unique interest, where great herds of goats instead of sheep, cattle or horses, were shown. "A Four Footed Hero,' was a remarkable film showing equine intelligence that was all but human. "The World Weary Man," was another masterpience of King Baggot. "A Day at West Point" was an interesting educational scene showing how Uncle Sam trains soldiers for the making of great generals and commanders. Other feature films were "Beauty Takes a Tramp," which was funnier than a Sunday comic supplement. "To the City," was was a pretty story of how two sisters escaped the pitfalls of a big city and how they returned to the farm before it was too late. These and many more of the latest and best releases made a most excellent bill for the week.

THE STAR—CHALREROI.

Many drawing attractions featured the New Year's bill at the Star Theatre this week. The New Year's day bill was composed of "Flesh and Blood" in two reels, "Adventures of a Handsame Young Man" and "Boxing Under Difficulties." 'Flesh and Blood" is the thrilling story of a detective, who finds that his son is the perpetrator of a jewel robbery case on which he is working. He assumes the responsibility of the crime to save his son. The latter, who has been hurt in the chase that resulted in his capture and the fastening of the crime on him, confesses as soon as he is convalescent and releases his father. Other strong dramas of the week were "The Prodigal Wife," "In Time of Peril," in which a young man pfoves his worth and wins his sweetheart, 'The Price of Paradise," and "Jim Bentley's Adventure." The week closes with "Hazel Kirk," the strong old-time drama for Friday and "The Thief's Wife," "The Broken Idol" and an entertaining educational picture for Saturday. For Monday the Star has booked "The Civilian," a thrilling Broncho film in two reels.

THE ALVIN—PITTSBURG.

"Bunty Pulls the Strings" a delightful comedy from the pen of Mr. Graham Moffat has recently finished a year's run at the Comedy Theatre, New York and comes to the Alvin Theatre, Pittsburg next week for six evenings and matinees on Wednesday and Saturday. The New York company has averaged ten performances a week in order to satisfy the demand for this quaint play. The story itself is of the Biggar family. Bunty is the only daughter of Tammas Biggar, a small merchant in a small Scotch village. Her mother dies and Bunty is the little mother of the family. She pulls the strings managing everyone except her father, who is unbending as a bar of steel, but he has a past. When a young man he fled from his home town and left his bride-to-be-waiting at the church, and for 30 years she has been known as the perpetual bride. Then there is Susie Simpson, a vinegar-faced old maid who has loaned Tammas a matter of one hundred pounds and who, in lieu of payment, proposes that he marry her; and Weelum Sprunt, the sweetheart of Bunty. Rab, Bunty's younger brother who had a strong inclination to go to Glasgow where he can see the sights.

The trouble breaks one Sunday morning just as the family is starting for the Kirk. The old sweetheart of Tammas puts in an appearance, and Susie Simpson, overhearing the conversation between them, demands that the policeman arrest Tammas. Then Bunty starts pulling the strings to save her father, which she eventually does by promising payment from the nest egg that Wellum has intrusted to her to buy furniture after their marriage. After she saves her father, she arranges a wedding between him and his old sweetheart, also arranging her own wedding and the departure of Rab for Glasgow. The company includes Miss Molly Pearson, Edmund Baresford, Miss Vera Pole, Mr. Ethelbert Hales, Mr. Sunderson Moffat, Miss Amy Singleton, Miss Margaret Nybloe, Mr. J. E. McGregor, Miss Marjorie Davidson, Mr. Leonard Booker and others.

THE GRAND—PITTSBURG.

A group of attractive acts and a cotiere of distinguished players will be gathered on the stage at the Grand next week, beginning Monday afternoon, January 6, to provide high class, refined vaudeville for Mr. Davis' discriminating clientele. Nothing all that has been done vaudeville is attracting more favorable comment from press and public than "In the Barracks" a melodious military operetta which will be interpreted by a company of 16 including that delightful comedian of many pleasant memories, Myles McCarthy, the the beautiful and accomplished prima donna comedienne, Nellie Brewster, lately leading woman with Richard Carle; the thrush-throated tenor of the original "Chocolate Soldier" company, Frank Rushworth, and the principal basso of the New York Hippodrome, W. H. Clark.

No name in the directory of famous players is more illustrious than William H. Thompson, the veteran character actor and former star of "The Secret of Polichenelli." Mr. Thompson is coming next week with a new play by Frederic Sargent, entitled "An Object Lesson."

Another legitimate star in the bill next week is Joe Welch, who is also quite well and favorably known to vaudeville habitues. An amusing travesty on musical comedy will be played and sung by Evans Lloyd and Miss Whitehouse, a capable pair who are making their first tour of the vaudeville theatres.

A sister act out of the ordinary will be given by the Three Dixon girls, who are now upon their first American tour. Their specialty is dancing and it is doubtful if a more nimble-footed trio has been seen upon the American stage. There are many other attractive features in the program for the forthcoming week in addition to some very excellent motion pictures shown by the wonderful Kinemacolor process.

RAZORS IN CHINA.

They Cost Little, but They Are Made From Old Iron Horseshoes.

An interesting feature of Chinese industry is the making of knives and razors from old horseshoes. The local blacksmiths in the interior cities and towns supply the great population of the empire with knives, razors and scissors of an inferior quality at a very small cost. This cutlery comes from small shops, where only one or two men are employed, usually the proprietor and his sons, and is chiefly made from old horseshoes imported from England and the continent. A discarded steel shoe offers the best material for blades, but the blacksmiths prefer the old shoes of soft iron that come from Glasgow and Hamburg.

One British firm at Tientsin brought over a cargo of old horseshoes from Australia recently, but could not dispose of them, as the native smiths said that the iron was too hard They like the soft iron because it can be more easily worked by their primitive methods.

A razor commonly used by the poorer class, having a cutting edge of less than two inches, costs 20 t'ung tzus, about 9 cents in American currency. Upon the strop the blade takes a fair cutting edge, but is too soft to hold it Any number of stroppings are necessary before the act of shaving can be completed. After the blades are forged they are simply case hardened and not subjected to the careful tempering employed in the production of western cutlery.—Youth's Companion.

THE "GOBLIN FRIAR."

One of the Specters That Are Said to Haunt Newstead Abbey.

Newstead abbey, the home of Lord Byron, has the reputation of being haunted by more than one specter, and many curious noises and strange sights have been heard and seen by residents and visitors there. But the best known and most noted specter connected with the place and immortalized in Byron verse is the "Goblin Friar." The particular chamber which this specter is supposed especially to frequent and which is known par excellence as the "haunted chamber" adjoins Byron's bedroom. Lord Byron and many others not only believed in the existence of the Black Friar, but asserted that they had really seen it. It did not confine its visitations, however, to the "haunted chamber," but at night walked the cloisters and other portions of the abbey.

A monk arrayed
In cowl and beads and dusky garb appeared,
Now in the moonlight and now tapsed in shade,
With steps that trod as heavy, yet unheard.

This apparition is the evil genius of the Byrons, and its appearance portends misfortune of some kind to the member of the family to whom it appears. Lord Byron fully believed that he beheld this apparition a short time before the greatest misfortune of his life, his ill starred union with Miss Millbanke Alluding to his belief in these things, he said:

I merely mean to say what Johnson said—
That in the course of some six thousand years
All nations have believed that from the dead
A visitant at intervals appears,
And what is strangest upon this strange head
Is that whatever bars the reason rears
Gainest such beliefs there's something stronger still
In its behalf, let those deny who will.

—Kansas City Star.

HAYDN AND THE ROD.

When the Budding Composer Was Flogged by Royal Command.

An amusing incident of the healthy boyhood of the great composer, Joseph Haydn, is given by Mary Maxwell Moffat in her biography of the Austrian empress, Maria Theresa.

When von Reutter became choirmaster of St. Stephen's cathedral he had Joseph Haydn among his pupils.

During a visit to the Hungarian Prince Esterhazy, in 1773, Maria Theresa took occasion to say a word of praise to Haydn, who had composed the music of the opera given in her honor and had conducted the performance. She expressed the conviction that she had seen him before, although she could not remember the occasion

"The last time your majesty was pleased to take notice of me," said Haydn, "you ordered me a good thrashing."

"That does not sound like me," rejoined the empress. "How did it happen?"

Then Haydn told of a Whitsuntide when, with other pupils of Von Reutter, he had been brought to Schoenbrunn to sing in the chapel. Between the services the boys took to clambering over the scaffolding of the new wings of the palace. The empress caught sight of them and sent word forbidding the dangerous sport. But the attraction of the scaffolding was irresistible. On the following day the boys were again risking their necks. When Maria Theresa expostulated with Von Reutter his surmise that the ringleader was "that young scamp, Joseph Hadyn," led her to suggest that the rod be used to improve his memory.

The Glowworm Cavern.

The greatest wonder of the antipodes is the celebrated glowworm cavern, discovered in 1891 in the heart of the Tasmanian wilderness. The cavern or caverns (there appears to be a series of such caverns in the vicinity, each separate and distinct) are situated near the town of Southport, Tasmania, in a limestone bluff, about four miles from Ida bay. The appearance of the main cavern is that of an underground river, the entire floor of the subterranean passage being covered with water about a foot and a half in depth. These wonderful Tasmanian caves are similar to all caverns found in limestone formation, with the exception that their roofs and sides literally shine with the light emitted by the millions of glowworms which inhabit them.

Strange Cure For Lunacy.

Our forefathers were so fond of the whip that they seem to have regarded it as a cure for lunacy and even for smallpox. The accounts of a Huntingdonshire parish under date 1691 have the entry, "Pd. in charges taking up a distracted woman, watching her and whipping her next day, 8s. 6d.," and a few years later eightpence is paid for "whipping two people yt had the smallpox."—London Standard

How, Indeed?

Small Boy—Sister said to ask if you had any invisible ink. New Drug Clerk (after looking among some bottles)—I guess we haven't, at least I don't see any Small Boy (contemptuously)—Huh! How do you expect to see it if it's invisible?—Chicago News

Tart Retort.

Restaurant patron (caustically)—I am glad to see your baby has shut up, madam. Mother—Yes, sir. You are the only thing that's pleased him since he saw the animals eat at the zoo.—Puck.

If your spirits are low do something, and if you have been doing something do something different.—E. E. Hale.

WHAT IS DIRT?

How the Question Was Answered by a Professor of Chemistry.

An old college professor used to say to his students: "What is dirt? Don't be afraid of a little dirt, young gentleman. What is dirt? Why, nothing at all offensive when chemically viewed. Rub a little alkali upon that dirty grease spot on your coat, and it undergoes a chemical change and becomes soap. Now rub it with a little water, and it disappears It is neither grease, soap, water nor dirt.

"That is not a very odorous pile of dirt you observe there. Well, scatter a little gypsum over it, and it is no longer dirty Everything you call dirt is worthy of your notice as students of chemistry. Analyze it, analyze it! It will all separate into very clear elements.

"Dirt makes corn, corn makes bread and meat, and that makes a very sweet young lady that I saw one of you kissing last night. So, after all, you were kissing dirt, particularly if she whitened her skin with chalk or fuller's earth

"There is no telling, young gentlemen, what is dirt, though I may say that rubbing such stuff upon the beautiful skin of a young lady is a dirty practice. Nice, pearly face powder is made of bismuth—nothing but dirt."—Exchange.

MIXED WIVES.

The Dilemma That Mr. Church Faced and How He Mastered It.

In the early part of the last century there lived in an old New England town a Mr Church, who in the course of his early life was bereft of four wives, all of whom were buried in the same lot.

In his old age it became necessary to remove the remains to a new cemetery. This he undertook himself, but in the process the bones became hopelessly mixed.

His "New England conscience" would not allow him under the painful circumstances to use the original headstones, so he procured new ones, one of which bore the following inscription.

"Here lies Hannah Church and probably a portion of Emily."

Another:

"Sacred to the memory of Emily Church, who seems to be mixed with Matilda."

Then followed these lines:

Stranger, pause and drop a tear,
For Emily Church lies buried here.
Mixed in some perplexing manner
With Mary, Matilda and probably Hannah.

—Exchange.

A Bit of English Humor.

An English humorist many years ago hit upon a neat way of scoring against certain politicians of the times. A comic journal, not being a newspaper within the meaning of the act, was prohibited from giving news, and so in place of a parliamentary report the humorist in question reported a few "first lines" from speeches by prominent members: "Sir Charles Wetherell said he was not sensible"— "Mr. Hunt was entirely ignorant"— "Lord Ashley said he should take the earliest opportunity of moving"— "Mr. Perceval presented a perition praying"— "Colonel Sibthorpe never could understand"— "Lord Lyndhurst said he must entreat of every one to give him credit"— "Sir Edward Sugden was not one of those who thought"— "Mr. Croker said he had the fullest assurance"—

Wonderful Fiddles.

One of the greatest fiddles that ever were known was to be seen at the French court at the time of Charles IX. This was a viol so large that several boys could be placed inside of it. These boys used to sit inside this queer instrument and sing the airs that the man who handled the bow was playing on the viol outside. The effect is said to have been very beautiful, though it would seem as if the presence of the lads in its interior would seriously interfere with the tone of the "great fiddle," as it was called. Many years after another huge instrument of this kind was used at concerts in Boston It was so large that to play it the fiddler had to stand on a table to use his bow at the proper point on the strings. This instrument was called "the grandfather of fiddles."

Columbia River Thrice Named.

The Columbia river has had three names It was first called the Oregon Afterward it was called the St. Roque, but when it was discovered by Robert Gray in 1792 it was given the name of his vessel, the Columbia, in place of the two floating appellations, Oregon and St Roque According to Whitney the original name of the river was the Orejon, "big ear" or "one that has big ears," the allusion being to the custom of the Indians who were found in its region of stretching their ears by boring them and crowding them with ornaments

Both Hate Him.

"Funny thing," remarked Wilson musingly "Tom Wilkins and Edith Brown used to be great friends of mine I introduced them to each other They got married, and now neither of them will speak to me Wonder what the reason can be?"

Sometimes They Are.

Little Sister—What are goose eggs in a baseball game? Big Brother—Innings in which no runs are made. Why do you ask? Little Sister—Oh, I thought they were laid by the fouls of the game.—Chicago News

How well you live matters, and not how long

FAITH OF THE FOREST.

Curious Traits of One of the Savage Tribes of Siberia.

Concerning one of the obscure races of northwestern Siberia a traveler writes, "A few of the traits of these curious people may prove of interest, as they show that environment is the strongest factor in determining character. Their intense superstition is accounted for by innate fear of all things they cannot understand. Their shyness, dislike of strangers and dread of their lamas and chiefs are again the result of superstition and seclusion. Sadness and melancholia are stamped on their faces, as is natural to a people who are in constant fear of the genii of the mountains, rivers and forests, whose whole time is taken up with propitiating the gods lest evil befall them

"The Tinguian is a product of the forest as the Arab is of the desert. The one is the antithesis of the other. Environment has molded the character of each to his surroundings The fearless believer in one God, the nomad of the sunlit desert, compares strikingly with the superstitious inhabitants of dark, damp forests, fearsome of evil spirits and cringing under their witch doctors

"All through life the forest dweller is in fear of offending the deities, and at death his corpse is carried out and placed on some lone hilltop, where the wild beasts are expected to devour it if the man has led a good life, but bad Tinguians have not that doubtful honor bestowed upon them"—Chicago News

Ventilation.

Have we ever stopped to think how our ancestors two or three generations back lived and flourished with little or no ventilation in their sleeping apartments? The night air used to be considered a very dreadful menace to health and a sure inducer of colds. Bedrooms were kept closely shut, and yet our ancestors, many of them, were hardier than we and lived to good old ages Animals burrow in their holes at night, breathing the same air over and over again, while birds and fowls tuck their heads under their wings. Of course ventilation is absolutely necessary for proper comfort, cleanliness and health, but people have lived on little or none of it for hundreds and thousands of years Exchange

A Giant Pepys Saw.

King James I. had a gigantic porter eight feet six inches in height, but he was not perfect, being round shouldered, knockkneed and lame in one foot Of a similar height was Charles Munster, a yeoman of the Hanoverian guard who died in 1676, and seven years before there was being exhibited in London a Dutchman eight feet nine inches high anent whom in Pepys' diary we find the following entry on Aug 15, 1669: "Went to Charing Cross to see the great Dutchman I did walk under his arm with my hat on and could not reach his chin with the tips of my fingers."

Happiness.

If you cannot be happy in one way, be in another and this facility of disposition wants but little aid from philosophy for health and good humor are almost the whole affair. Many run about after fortune like an absentminded man hunting for his hat while it is in his hand or on his head

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2 pcs 20c tubing at..... 14c
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18.00 " " 13.75
20.00 " " 14.50
22 00 " " 16 50
25.00 " " 16.50
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Men's $3.00 Soft Hats..... $2.25
Men's 2.50 " 1.48
Men's 2.00 " 1.48
Men's and Boys $1.50 Soft Hats 1.15
" " $1 00 & $1.25 hats 79c
" " 1.00 Caps..... 79c
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3.00 " " 2.25
3.50 " " 2.50
4.00 " " 3.00
5.00 " " 3.75
6.00 " " 4.25
7.00 " " 5.25
8.00 " " 5.75

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$2.50 Dress Pants..... $1.75
3.00 " 2 25
3.50 " 2.50
4.00 " 2.98
5.00 " 3.75

Bargains in Boys' Short Pants

50c Pants now..... 39c
75c Pants now..... 59c
$1.00 Pants now..... 79c
$1.25 Pants now..... 89c
$1.50 Pants now..... $1.19

Money Saving Opportunities for Men and Boys

PERSONAL AND LOCAL

A. P. Stewart is spending the day in Pittsburg.

C. R. Peregrine is in Pittsburg today on business.

Miss Louise Milliken is visiting today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Milliken of McKean avenue.

Mrs. J. Frew and daughter Miss Mildred Lou have returned from a visit at Connellsville.

Mrs. N. Clark is here from Ohio to visit at the home of her father B. L. Parsons.

Miss Jessie E. Copeland left this morning for Erie, where she will visit relatives. She was accompanied home by her nephew, Master Raymond Yenny, who spent the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Copeland, of Eighth street.

Robert McGowan, a student at the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston, Mass, who has been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McGowan, at North Charleroi, left today for Boston.

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

Lutheran.

Washington and Sixth. Sunday school at 9:45. Holy comunion at 11. Luther League at 6:30. Subject "How Can We Make This an Acceptable Year?" Ralph Anthony, leader. Vespers with sermon at 7:30. Subject, "The Young Man's Peril." Holy communion continued at evening service. The public is cordially invited to all services. Rev. C. P. Bastian, pastor.

First Presbyterian.

Sunday school at 9:45. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Junior C. E. at 2:30. Senior C. E. at 6:45. Evening service at 7:30. Special services will be observed during the day. A week of prayer will be observed next week. Rev. J. T. Hacket, pastor.

Baptist.

Bible school at 9:45. Election of officers for the year. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Subject "Our Outlook of the New Year." The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will follow the morning worship. All are welcome. Rev. E. G. Stanley, pastor.

Methodist Episcopal.

Corner Lincoln and Sixth. Church and and Sunday school at 10:30. Junior Epworth League at 2. Epworth League at 6:30. Preaching service, subject of sermon, "The True Church," at 7:30. Everybody welcome to the home-like church. Rev. F. A. Richards, minister.

Washington Avenue Presbyterian.

Preaching at 11. Sermon, "The Place of Visions in Life." Jr. C. E. at 2:30. Sr. C. E. at 6:30, topic, "The Ideal Christian." Preaching at 7:30. Sermon, "First Things First." This church will observe the week of prayer. Service each evening at 7:30. A cordial invitation to enjoy these services with us is extended to all. Rev. Jno. R. Bunson pastor.

St. Mary's Episcopal.

Corner Sixth and Lookout. Sunday school and Bible classes at 9:45. Anti-communion service, sermon and celebration of the holy communion at 11. Subject of discourse "The New Year and the New Life." Evening prayer and address at 7:30. Subject, "Redeeming the Time." At the morning service Mrs. Samuel Brown of Chicago will sing the offertory. All are cordially invited. Rev. Lucius W. Shey, rector.

First Christian.

Fallowfield near Sixth. Bible school at 9:45. Make a date with our live wire school. Lord's supper and preaching at 11. Subject of sermon; "The Speech of a Christian." Evening worship at 7:30. Subject of sermon "The Impeded Man." Baptisms at the close of this service. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:30. Friday evening, January 10, Rev. F. A. Bright will lecture on the subject, "Is Marriage a Failure." This is the people's church. All strangers are cordially invited to attend. All are welcome. Come. Rev. E. N. Duty, pastor.

Miss Rebecca A. Cameron and Miss Harriet M. Brake, of Knoxville, after visiting the formers cousin, Miss Edith Crill a few days, returned home today.

B. Greenberg has returned from a visit in Philadelphia with relatives.

Everhart Studio.

Portraits—Make an engagement. Fifth and Fallowfield, Charleroi, Pa. 138:4

His Kind Heart.

Squire Hornbottle—For a married man you seem to have a lot of time to loaf around the depot and stores Newt Neversweat—You see, squire, I'm so soft hearted it breaks me all up to sit around the house and watch my wife work so hard.—Washington Times

Genuine Economy.

Husband We must begin to economize Wife Yes: I began today by cutting all your cigars lengthwise, so that they will last you twice as long Satire

Made a Strike Too.

In an imperial civil service examination was condemned to be beheaded who had a special ticket to play it adepts While his sentence was pronouncing he had the temerity to offer a request to be permitted to play once more it his favorite game at the place of execution and then, he said he would submit without a murmur As the last prayer of a dying man his request was granted When at last at the solemn spot he found everything prepared the pins being set up and the bowl ready He played with no little earnestness but the sheriff at length seeing that he showed no intention to desist, privately ordered the executioner to strike the fatal blow as he stooped for the bowl The executioner did so, and the head drooped into the culprit's hand as he raised himself to see what had occurred He immediately aimed at the nine conceiving that it was the bowl which he grasped All nine pins falling the head loudly exclaimed "I have won the game!"—From the German

An Old Tale and a New One.

The ancient story for was it a fable? about the poor boy who carefully picked up a pin in a bank, was given a job by an official of the institution who noted his thrifty act and finally became president of that same bank found a reminder the other day in the figure of a youthful bootblack who during a lull in trade sat upon his box sewing up a rent in his well worn jacket.

"I suppose you expect to be president of a bootblacking trust some day, my lad?" suggested a kindly old gentleman who observed his industry.

"Ah, g'wan," the youthful wielder of the needle replied "What yer givin me?"

"What are you doing that kind of work for?" he was asked.

"'Cause me mudder's out workin' all day, an' she's too tired to do it when night comes," said he

"That trust idea may pan out yet," observed the old man reflectively as he passed on.—New York Globe

Victoria and the Future.

Queen Victoria's childlike faith in the future life is touchingly revealed in her published letters to Dr. Boyd Carpenter The only fear that troubled her was lest those she loved who had left this world before her might have outgrown her companionship "I feel only this doubt," she wrote to Carpenter, "on account of my dear husband, whose tastes were of a higher and different order from mine and who had different interests perhaps from mine. I am far more fit now to be his companion than I used to be, but still I know that he must have soared higher than me."

MUTTON BIRDS IN MILLIONS

Armies of Them Blacken New Zealand's Sky Every Spring.

Yearly, at the coming of spring, the thousand coastal islands of New Zealand, more especially those lying toward the south, become the temporary homes of myriads of mutton birds, which pay a visit for the nesting season Out of the silence of the great southern ocean come the birds in vast armies Low flying over the water, for the most part close in shore, the huge flocks draw dark parallels of shadow across the seascape. The birds fly in separate bands, disciplined and massed in a serried whole—a continuous stream that passes between sea and sky. Each army shows a front of perhaps a quarter of a mile, the huge length stretching away league after league into interminable distance.

Stand on the brow of some coastal headland and watch the passage of one of these bird armies. It is a wonderful sight. Far below one looks down on a heaving floor of close packed, undulating black backs, lit by a myriad scintillations of white tipped wings So close is the floor, so serried the ranks of the fliers, that the water beneath is hidden as with a carpet.

Hour after hour the passage of the army continues, from dawn till dark and far into the night. In the night the noise of countless beating wings that surges up over the cliff head tells that the army is still on the move till the whir of wings and cries of the rear guard beating up the stragglers grow faint in the distance and one realizes that at last the mighty host has passed on its way.—Wide World Magazine.

Spelling Reform Needed.

An old gentleman from the east was visiting his daughter in San Jose, Cal Of course he pronounced the name according to the spelling until they impressed it upon him that in Spanish J has the sound of H.

By and by he started to see a son in Watsonville This town is on a branch line a mile or so from the junction at Pajaro, and as the electric cars from Pajaro to Watsonville passed directly by the son's house, the old gentleman's railway ticket was for Pajaro He looked at it in a puzzled way, then threw it down in great disgust, exclaiming:

"Well, sir! They can tell me that 'J-o-s-e' spells Hozay,' but they needn't tell me that 'J-a-r-o' spells Watsonville!"—Exchange.

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THE ANCIENT TRAVELER.

Outfit He Was Advised to Carry In the Eighteenth Century.

A small "Traveler's Guide," dated 1780, contains a good deal of serious advice as to the luggage which should be carried

"Take," says the book, "two suits of clothes, one coffee colored and one blue, a chest flannel, a pair of leather breeches, a sleeping suit, three pairs of stockings two pairs of gloves, two wigs, one hair bag (?), two caps, two hats, two pairs of shoes, one pair of slippers, six 'undershirts,' four 'over shirts,' six neckties, six collars, six handkerchiefs, four pairs of cuffs, three cravats, two pairs of cotton hose and two pairs of socks."

But this is not all, as is shown by the following items: "Take a table, a book of sermons, a 'Traveler's Guide, two albums, a diary, a quire of white paper, quills and ink, an almanac, a mirror, a silver watch, a silver snuff box, a silver spoon, a pair of silver shoe buckles a silver tie pin, three silver studs, a gold seal ring, a knife and fork with silver handles, a sewing case, an opera glass, a compass, a wax light and a tinder box, a toothbrush a silver toothpick, a sword, a silver mounted cane, a padlock with which to fasten your door at night inside, a clothes brush, a box of medicine."—Pall Mall Gazette.

Marking a Book.

There's a dear old chap in this town—too gentle and too modest to put his name or profession into print—who administered a rebuke worth remembering to a young friend. The young man showed him a book in which certain passages were marked with pencil. The older man asked if he might borrow the book.

"I—I can't lend it," said the other. "I borrowed it myself."

"Ah! And who marked these passages?"

"I did."

"Oh, my boy! You shouldn't make penciled comments in a borrowed book."

"I—I—I know it—I"—

"The owner might erase them, you know. Always use ink and so pass your wisdom along!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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SCHOOLS RESUME AFTER TWO WEEKS VACATION

Eighth Grade Junior High Pupils Enter Freshman Class

CHANGES ARE MADE

Growth During Last Two Years is of Much Importance

Charleroi school resumed this morning after being closed since Friday, December 18, while the pupils enjoyed two weeks of freedom and rest. Many pupils have been promoted and several changes made in the arrangement of the teaching force, while one teacher has resigned and a new instructor chosen to fill the vacancy.

In the high school is the most noted change. Between 75 and 80 pupils were promoted from the Eighth grade of the junior high school into the Freshman class of the high school. Two teachers, Miss Margaret Laird and Miss Rosetta Rodgers, were transferred from the junior high school to the high school, thus increasing the high school teaching force. Miss Florence Montgomery and Mrs. Dollie Jeffries were transferred from the lower grades to the positions occupied by Miss Laird and Miss Rodgers, in the junior high school.

During the holidays W. L. Lorimer who has been teacher of English for several years in the high school and coach of the high school basket ball team resigned. Miss Adah Trippett has been elected a teacher of English. The athletic committee will take up the matter of providing a basket ball coach this week.

There has been a decided growth noted in the high school during the last two years. Two years ago there were but 125 pupils in this department. Now there are almost as many non-resident pupils in the high school as therer were pupils then. There are about 110 non-resident pupils. They come from Belle Vernon, Speers, Roscoe, Fayette City, Allenport, Elco and many other points in the near vicinity. There are at the present time about 330 pupils in the high school.

WARRENSFORD FUNERAL IS HELD SUNDAY

More than one hundred friends of Jean Estelle Warrensford daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Warrensford, gathered at the Warrensford home, 327 Crest avenue Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock to pay their last respects to the little girl. Rev. Wesley G. Mead, Ph. D., pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church conducted the funeral services. The choir from the Methodist church rendered several selections. About 50 different floral pieces were given by friends as tributes of affection. The pall bearers were Roland W. Brown, Harry R. Frye, Ewing Todd and Arthur Warrensford. Interment was in the Belle Vernon cemetery.

Officers Installed

Hibernians of County Meet in Charleroi For Ceremonies on Sunday

County officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians were installed at a meeting at the P. H. C. hall here Sunday. Delegations were present from divisions No. 2, 4, 6 and 10, there being a large crowd on hand. Rev. P. Maher of Roscoe, county chaplain and John Maines of Charleroi, county president had charge of the work of installation. After the rites had been concluded a supper was served. There was singing and music by an orchestra and speeches were made. An enjoyable time was spent.

BOROUGH FIGURES COMPARED

Charleroi and North Charleroi Assessments Given

COMPARISONS DRAWN

Editor Charleroi Mail, Sir:—

In line with the splendid articles appearing in your good paper on the subject of consolidation of our boroughs, I wish to furnish your readers with some figures.

Charleroi.	Fiscal Comparison.	N. Charleroi.
	Assessed Valuation.	
$3,370,940.00		$425,000.00
	School Millage.	
15		19.
	Borough Millage.	
11.		13.
	Total Millage.	
26.		32.
	Bonded Debt School.	
$137,500.		$24,000.00
	Bonded Debt Borough.	
$222,400.0		$24,000.00
	Total Bonded Debt.	
$359,900.00		$48,000.00
	Floating Debt School.	
None		$16,373.34
	Floating Debt Borough.	
$17,500.00		$13,881.81
	Total Floating Debt.	
$17,500.00		$30,255.15
	Borough Cash and Lein Resources.	
	Sinking Funds on Hand.	
$12,312.91		$700.00
	Cash in General Fund.	
$900.00		None
	Cash in Bond Fund.	
$74,500.00		None
	Net Paving Due.	
$17,107.22		2,300.00
	Tax Leins Due.	
$281.72		Small
	Uncollected Taxes 11-14.	
$15,868.50		$1,300.00

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WILL BEGIN ERECTION OF TABERNACLE SOON

Personell of Minges Evangelestic Company is Given---Meetings to Open First Week in February

Arrangements are being made for beginning the work of construction of the tabernacle for the Christian church evangelistic campaign to be held during February. The tabernacle will be 75 by 100 feet, and will be built on the Berryman lot on the corner of Fifth street and Fallowfield avenue. The Menges Evangelistic company has already been engaged by Rev. E. N. Duty for the services.

The personnell of the company is as follows:- Rev. William John Menges, evangelist; G. Penbrook, musical director; W. E. Bilyew, assistant evangelist; P. S. Wight, superintendent of boy's work; H. J. Bray, superintendent of personal work; Luella M. Minges, superintendent of women's meetings and Miss May Chester, instructor of converts. A male quartet is made up by W. E. Bilyew, first tenor; P. S. Wight, second tenor; G. P. Rockwell, baritone and H. J. Bray, basso.

Prayer meetings preceeding the actual beginning of the campaign will begin on Wednesday evening. Twelve committees are at work now getting matters in readiness.

MRS. BOSSERT DIES SUNDAY AT HER HOME

Following an illness of two years Mrs. Julia Savage Bossart, of 832 Oakland avenue, aged 30 years, died Sunday morning at 7 o'clock. Death was due to tuberculosis.

Mrs. Bossert is survived by her husband, John Bossert, three sons Albert, Raymond and Edward Bossert, and one daughter, Adaline Bossert. She is also survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Savage of Charleroi, and two brothers, August Savage, Jr., of New Kensington and John Savage of Charleroi.

Funeral services will be held from the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. John R. Burson pastor of the church will conduct the services. Interment will be in the Charleroi cemetery.

To Our Patrons and Friends

We thank our patrons and friends for the good holiday trade we enjoyed this season. Our store is always ready to serve you with quality merchandise at the right price. We will gladly exchange any article purchased at our store which you received for Christmas and are unable to use. During the months of January and February our goods are from 10 to 20 per cent off our marked prices to make room for our spring line coming in. Wishing all our patrons and friends a Happy and Prosperous 1915, we remain yours very truly, H. Porter, jeweler and optician, 534 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi, Pa. 154-tfp

"HEARTS AND FLOWERS"

Palace Theatre tonight. Alliance Film corporation presents Mrs. Thos. Whiffen the grand Old Lady of the American stage and Beulah Pynter, in the beautiful pastorial drama, "Hearts and Flowers," in five acts from the book by Rex. Beach. 154-tf

Choral Society Notice.

All members of the Charleroi Choral society are urged to be present. More than a hundred parents visit at the meeting of the society at the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening. 154-2t

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS AT M. E. CHURCH

Evangelistic services began at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday. These services will close Sunday evening, January 24. There will be preaching services at the church each evening this week, with the exception of Saturday evening.

Rev. Wesley G. Mead, pastor of the church will preach this evening on the question, "Do We Need a Revival." The subjects for the remainder of the week are as follows: Tuesday, "The Power of a Praying Church;" Wednesday, "The Church's Alarm Clock;" Thursday, "Surrender," and Friday, "Keep Your Chin to the Skyline. This will be a special public school night.

JURORS ARE DRAWN FOR COMING TERM

The grand and petit jurors for the February term were drawn Saturday these being first taken out of the wheel, which was recently filled. The grand jurors are summoned for Monday, February 1, and the petit jurors for Monday, February 8.

There are no Charleroi men among the grand jurors drawn. The following are among the petit jurors that have been chosen: John Buchanan, Charleroi, William Evans, Charleroi; John H. Jenkins, Charleroi; Joseph Stech, Sr., Charleroi; George Masters, North Charleroi; Carl Hamilton, Roscoe and W. H. Wainwright, Rohcoe.

REHEARSALS TO BE RESUMED

The regular weekly rehearsals of the Charleroi Choral society will be resumed tomorrow evening, at eight o'clock at the high school auditorium. A full attendance of all the members is earnestly desired, as arrangements are under way for the first appearance of the organization in concert at an early date.

Mrs. Roy Estes and Mrs. Thomas Herron were Monday visitors in Pittsburg.

LICENSE APPLICATIONS ARE FILED WITH COURT

New League Club to Play

Charleroi to Meet Mount Washington on Home Floor Wednesday Night

Just admitted to the West Penn basketball league, the Mount Washington team will play its first out-of-town game with Charleroi on the Charleroi floor on Wednesday night of this week. By the addition of Mount Washington in the league, the Charleroi team will loose a valuable player in the person of Mackey, who henceforth will be seen in the Mount Washington lineup. Score has been secured from Southside, and Laboon a Pittsburg Lyceum player has been added to Russell's five.

VETERAN DIES AT HIS HOME

Joseph Cowan Expires at His Farm Near Bentleyville

FUNERAL ON TUESDAY

Joseph Cowan, aged 75 a well known farmer of the Bentleyville section and a veteran of the Civil war died at his home near Bentleyville Sunday morning at 10:35. He had been ill for 19 weeks.

Mr. Cowan was born in 1839 near Jefferson in Greene county, in which county he spent the greater part of his life. He served in the Civil war as a member of the Light Artillery Battery B.

Mr. Cowan came to Bentleyville 10 years ago, purchasing the Mitchell farm north of Bentleyville and living there continually up until his death. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Cowan, a brother, James Cowan of Jefferson and six children, Mrs. Anna Strebler, Mrs. Mabel Strickler, both of Vanderbilt; Mrs. Margaret Clark and Miss Jennie Cowan, both at home; William Cowan at home and Tom B. Cowan of Monessen.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the late home, with services conducted by Rev. R. G Ritchey, pastor of the Bentleyville Methodist Episcopal church. Interment will be in the Newkirk cemetery.

A Good Opportunity.

Here is an opportunity for some person to have the use of a small pony from now until the first of June. All that is required is to take the pony and take good care of it until the above date. Send address to 451 Mail office. 145-tfp

All Petitions Must be on File by 5 O'clock This Evening

TEN ASK RENEWALS

Hotel Owners at Various Points Seek License--Brewery Application Filed

Ten applications for license to sell liquor at retail, all made by present license holders, were filed Saturday. This makes 12 retail applications filed to date. This evening at 5 o'clock is the time limit for filing these papers. Three distillery and one brewery applications were also filed on Saturday. Fifty-five applications were filed last year.

Those filed Saturday are as follows: E. A. Burson and John Boyd, distillers, East Bethlehem township; John T. Starr, retail, West Brownsville; Otto P. Glasser, retail, Hotel Glasser, Second ward, Monongahela; Joseph F. Roth, brewer, Carroll township; George F. Ryland, retail, Hotel Wellington, Charleroi; H. H. Grayson, retail, Third ward, Monongahela; Addison F. Abbott, and other, retail, Hotel Abbott, New Eagle; F. J. Zwick, retail, Hotel Dorin, Fredericktown, East Bethlehem township; Thomas Parry, retail, Hotel Parry, Elrama, Union township; Alfred J. Dievert, retail, Hotel Main, First ward, Monongahela; Theodore J. Eckbreth, retail, Monongahela house, Second ward, Monongahela; Georgianna Coles, retail, Wilbur hotel, Charleroi, succeeding her husband, the late W. H. Coles; Riverview Distilling company, distillers, East Bethlehem township.

CHARITY DANCE TO BE GIVEN TOMORROW

What is expected to prove one of the neatest social functions of the season's calendar will be that of the Charity ball which will be given in Might's Auditorium Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Charleroi-Monessen hospital. The affair, which will be formal, will be under the auspices of the Alpha Phi Beta fraternity of Charleroi. Music will be furnished freely by an orchestra from the American Federation of Musicians.

HEARTS AND FLOWERS AT PALACE THEATRE

At the Palace theatre this evening one of the best releases of the Alliance Film company will be shown. Mrs. Thomas Whiffen who has won the title of the grand old lady of the American stage will play one of the leading roles in "Hearts and Flowers" a five part drama of love, devotion and sacrifice. Miss Beulah Poynter will play another of the leading parts. Hearts and Flowers is a story of intense heart interest from the book of Rex Beach.

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FOR RENT—Large furnished rooms 518 Fallowfield avenue. third floor. 153-t2p

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WANTED—Girl for general housework. Must be good worker. Apply Mrs. H. Porter, 536 Fallowfield avenue. 154-t1

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Adaptable Shirt.

The head of the house came downstairs in a great rage.

"Where's my tennis shirt—the cellular one? Never can find a thing in this house."

"Do you mean the old one you had last year?" his wife interposed soothingly. "I told Dorothy she could have it."

"Old one! I only wore it twice. And what the deuce does my daughter want with my shirts?"

"Well, you see, dear, she wanted a blouse in a hurry for that garden party on Saturday. She was hunting round for some material and found your shirt. The wide sleeves, the turndown collar and breast pocket were all the latest thing in blouses. She only had to shorten the sleeves, lower the neck and sew on three buttons, and in a few minutes the dear, clever girl had a new blouse. You haven't another one for Margaret, have you?"—Manchester Guardian.

Recipe for Love Letter.

To write a good love letter you ought to begin without knowing what you mean to say and to finish without knowing what you have written.—Rousseau.

Pain as Love's Accompaniment.

The loftiest and purest love too often does but inflame the cloud of life with endless fire of pain.—John Ruskin.

Satisfaction.

Blessed is he who has found his work; let him ask no other blessedness.—Carlyle

PERSONALS

Miss Margaret McDermott has returned to Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Indiana, after spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDermott.

Miss Hilda Graver of Pittsburg, is a guest of Miss Esther Connelly, her cousin.

Jack O'Neil has left for Ada, Ohio, to resume his school duties, after spending the holidays at home.

Mrs. W. A. Mouch left Monday for her home in Pennsville, after visiting here over the holidays.

Dr. J. Clive Enos, with Mrs. Enos and son left Monday morning for Asheville, North Carolina, where they will remain indefinitely.

Mrs Evan Kelly and daughter Miss Mattie went to Pittsburg Monday.

Walter C. Reeves was a visitor in Pittsburg Sunday.

Floyd Chalfant of the Mail has returned from Boston, Mass., where he spent the holidays with friends.

Harry Loomis of Brownsville was a guest over Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kendrick of Washington avenue.

Hon. Arch S. Richeny has returned to Uniontown after spending several days with relatives in Charleroi.

C. J. Vetter of Pittsburg was a Sunday visitor with C. R. Newcomer.

Miss Martha Cunningham of New Salem is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Newcomer of Fifth street.

Warren Kinder was in Brownsville Sunday evening to assist in the solo work in a cantata. "The Messiah," given at Christ church.

Miss Ethel Barth was a visitor in Braddock on Sunday.

Miss Jane Kauffman of Connellsville has returned home after spending the holidays with her aunt Mrs. James Myers.

Clarence Richards of Dravosburg and William Richards of Glassport visited at the home of Miss Almira Myers on Sunday.

Joseph Bensinger is at Dubois to visit relatives.

Charles Rischer and Miss Susan Williams have returned to West Middlesex after visiting with the latter's sister, Mrs. H. E. Price of Fallowfield avenue.

Mrs. Leroy Price and Mrs. Della P. Halstead were in Pittsburg today.

Woman's Long Dog-Sled Trip.

The cold and frozen Arctic had no particular terrors for Mrs. J. L. Bond, wife of Captain Bond, who has returned to San Francisco with her husband and the Thirtieth regiment of infantry from a two years' stay in Alaska at Fort Gibbon.

Mrs. Bond entered enthusiastically into the sports of the region of the midnight sun, snow, and perpetual ice, becoming an expert skier and something of a musher. The longest and most perilous trip which she took was made with her own dog team in company with Mrs. R. H. Pearson and two expert guides from Fort Gibbon to Fairbanks, then to Chena Hot Spring and back to Fort Gibbon, a distance of 650 miles. The thermometer stood between 40 and 50 below zero during the whole of the trip. Mrs. Bond says she enjoyed every mile of the trip and refused to admit that there was anything hazardous in it. They were well provided with food and covers

Artesian Wells in Australia.

In the rolling downs country of western Queensland the artesian supply of water has, when tapped, rendered it possible to carry on industries dependent on water supply. Human ingenuity and research have supplied from nature's subterranean reservoirs an unfailing supply of water, both for drinking and irrigation. At the end of the year 1912 there were 1879 artesian bores in Queensland. The deepest bore is situated at Bimerah, in the central west. This bore has a depth of 1,504 feet. The shallowest bore is at Manfred Downs, also in the central west, which yields a supply of 2,000 gallons per day at a depth of 198 feet. The Charleville bore has a depth of 1,371 feet and the largest flow in the state—3,000,000 gallons per day. The estimated aggregate daily flow from all bores in Queensland is 329,817,860 gallons. To obtain this supply necessitated 281 68 miles in depth of boring. In some of these bores the water has a high temperature, and requires cooling before being used for domestic purposes.

Filipinos Play Baseball.

Baseball is now played in every part of the Philippine archipelago, and the number of persons actually engaged in it is remarkably high. Practically every school in the islands has a team and some more than one. Thirty or more provinces have their provincial leagues among the schools, and these are supplemented by interprovincial leagues in Manila, where the chief offices of the government are located, there is an interurban league running scheduled games throughout the season; an industrial league composed of teams from the employes of the various large industrial companies of the city, and the Manila Baseball league, a professional organization.

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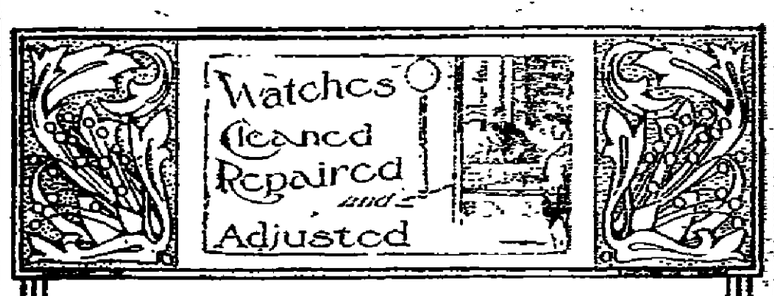
WAR NOTES

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—Having fortified themselves along the line through Sochacow, Skierniewce, Rawa and Opoczno, Russian Poland, the Germans have again renewed their stubborn attacks simultaneously to the south and west of Warsaw and have endeavored to cross the Vistula river near Czerwinsk. In the south near Groitzy, the Germans are attempting an advance toward the Vistula in the region midway between Warsaw and Ivangorod. It seems that the real goal is not Warsaw but Nowo Georgiewsk and Ivangorod. The Germans in order to keep western Poland must possess these two places. It is asserted that the Germans are still 60 or 70 miles from Ivangorod and every day the probability of taking those places is lessened. Statements from the Russian headquarters are that on the Bzura and Rawka rivers they are continuing the successful repulse of German attacks in spite of the enemy's heavy artillery fire and bomb-throwing. On the road to Wloszozowa, in the Kielce region, the Germans took a portion of the Russian trenches, December 31. Later the Russians regained the trenches and took several hundred prisoners and nine machine guns. In western Galicia fighting continues in the region of Gorlice. In the region of Uzsok pass the Russians occupy Austrian positions, the Russians took about a thousand prisoners.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—In east Prussia and in northern Poland there is no change in the situation. To the west of the Vistula river the German troops have succeeded in taking a point at Borjimow after several days of hard fighting. More than 1,000 prisoners and six machine guns were captured.

Vienna, Jan 4.—Repeated attempts of the Russians to break the Austrians front west and northwest of Gorlice, Galicia, were unsuccessful. The Austrian troops captured a height south of Gorlice. The Austrians annihilated a battalion, captured an officer of the general staff, four subalterns, 850 men and two machine guns.



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JOHN W. BERRYMAN.

In the death of John W. Berryman, senior member of the firm of J. W. Berryman and Son, the whole community suffers a distinct loss and it mourns with the bereaved sons. In his death his sons have lost a true father and counsellor the community has lost a good citizen, and the Christian church has lost a true Christian member.

Mr. Berryman was a true gentleman. He was loved by the entire community. It is said that he did not have a single enemy. He was so well loved that he was known to old and young alike as "Grandpa Berryman." He was noted for his honest dealing with the public.

Mr. Berryman was a friend to every one. He was always happiest when he was doing something for some one. Charleroi had no citizen more ready to lend a hand to those needing aid than he. He was always kind and considerate of those in his employ.

Although an invalid for the past four years Mr. Berryman was always patient. He never forgot to thank those who waited upon him. He never forgot to thank them even for a drink of water. He was always thinking of the comfort of others and tried every way possible to keep from being a burden upon his nurses.

"Grandpa" Berryman's cheerful face will be missed from the window, where it has appeared for the past four years and the loss be moaned by the entire community. But his influence will live and it can truly be said that the world is better for his having lived in it.

WHAT TO DO WITH BEGGARS

What shall one do with beggars? This winter, with some business depression, appeals for alms are increased, says the Beaver Times. In many places one can scarcely walk the street without encountering some poor fellow sobbing with a hard luck story. Yet after he takes your coin, you may see him entering the nearest emporium for the thirsty.

This may sound severe to some tender-hearted people. Perhaps newspaper men are apt to take a pessimistic view. They have long dealt with tramp printers, convivial roaming gypsies in all times good and bad. Usually they tell their story in their breath. The kindest thing for many of them is to turn them over to the public authorities.

This winter a good many out-of-works honestly seek a job. One cannot always examine too closely their record. The strain of idleness breaks down moral fiber. The man who would be reasonably sober and industrious if he had work, may spend money for drink when wandering.

No willing man ought to go without food. There ought to be a reserve of honest work at some public institution that could be done by a penniless man. A large and ample pile of wood ready to saw and split is a means for separating the sheep from the goats of the road. Two-thirds of the vagrants would dodge a town with a public saw-horse. The other pathetic fellows who want to help on the work of the world, but find no man to hire them, would welcome the chance.

If one gives to the ordinary beggar, he feels that he is simply swelling the revenues of vicious resorts, and helping break down a poor man's character. If one refuses, he regrets what seems his own stinginess. The provision of a public chance to work gives the citizens a chance to test out the worthiness of those who ask his help.

Most girls make up their minds subject to change.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

Some Advice.

If fame and fortune you'd pursue,
Don't sit around and gramp;
You can leap into fame if you
Are always on the jump.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Bentleyville announces that it has taken another metropolitan step by establishing an auto garage. Now for a white hope and a training camp.
—Washington News.

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You've got it right at last Maude; the name of this newspaper is the Charleroi Mail and not the Daily Mail. Thank you.

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While we are not sure what a literary lunkhead is, we have a suspicion that it must be the fellow who can't sell his stuff.

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Social patriotism is that heroism which induces a man to encase himself in patent evening upholstery and go out with his wife to a hen-pecked card party, when he has an engagement to bowl with a friend.

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It is rumored that the old English castles were airless castles.

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Some things are always going from bad to worse. For instance there are some of those dissatisfied women who seek Reno and re-marriage.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

A man rambled into the village cigar store one evening at a little country town and in response to a question as to what made him so wild-eyed, told of an adventure he had just had.

"I was coming through that deep, dark woods down below Taylor's farm," said he in a voice that still palpitated, "when I saw the dusky forms of two men stealthily crawling through the woods toward me. One of them had a pistol in his hand and the other had——"

"Gee whiz!" interjected one of the cigar store crowd. "What in the deuce did you do?"

"What did I do?" responded the man with some emphasis. "Why, I did three miles in just about four minutes!"

Some time ago a countryman said in telling a story of a farmer out his way, began to miss his chickens, and in order to better protect them he had the door of the coop fitted with iron bars. Still the fowls disappeared, and finally a partly named Rastus was arrested on suspicion.

"There seems to be no evidence against this man," said Rastus' lawyer to the judge at the subsequent trial, 'and I ask your honor to discharge him."

"I will let him off with a suspended sentence," answered the judge provided he can file an alibi. Can you file an alibi, Rastus?" he continued, turning to the defendant.

"Yassah, boss. Yessah!" was the prompt response of Rastus. "I kin if dey ain't no harder dan de bars on Mistah Johnsing's chicken coop.

LOCAL TALENT ARRANGING SHOW FOR JANUARY 12

Local talent is preparing, under the direction of James S. Russell to give a vaudeville entertainment in the high school auditorium, Tuesday evening January 12. The proceeds will be used for the Veteran Guard Drum corps.

A program of five acts has been arranged, and is as follows: "The Bachelor's Baby," a one act comedy; Gaus brothers, who do some new gymnastic stunts; "The Fifth Commandment," a dramatic sketch; the "Magic City Minstrels," will give all the latest songs and the program will end with "His Model Wife," a playlet.

HARD TIMES NOW LESS NOTICEABLE AT BENTLEYVILLE

Bentleyville is recovering from the hard times. The Acme Coal company, its main support, has received sufficient orders for coal to keep the mines working a great portion of the time. The nearby Ellsworth mines are also working a good portion of the time.

BENTLEYVILLE

Fine Skating.

The younger set of Ellsworth and Bentleyville are enjoying the finest skating season in memory. The extensive dam of the Ellsworth Collieries company at Ellsworth is heavily frozen and presents one of the best out-of-door skating ponds in the country. Every day and evening hundreds of people are to be witnesses of skating upon the dam.

Injured While Coasting.

Goldie Morton, son of Mrs. Margaret Morton of South Main street, was painfully injured Sunday while coasting down the South Main street incline. The youngster, unable to guide his sled well, collided with another and suffered painful injuries. A doctor was summoned and the injuries, although painful were not serious.

Communion Service.

On Sunday communion services were held at the local Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal churches. The minister, the Rev. J. A. Craig, had an excellent sermon in preparation and addressed the audience forcibly. Many new members were present in the Presbyterian church. Out of the great number of converts in the recent tabernacle meetings the local Presbyterian church enjoys the greatest number of juvenile members.

Personal Mention.

Miss Margaret Morrison, a student in the California state normal school, has resumed her studies after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Morrison.

Mrs. R. L. Corwin has returned after spending some time at the home of her sister Mrs. Hosak of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. William Makepeace of Cokeburg are at home after a visit with friends and relatives in Pittsburg.

Miss Mary Piersol has returned to the University of Pittsburg after spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. Warren Piersol of South Main stret.

Miss Martha Jennings of New Eagle formerly of this placereturned Sunday after a delightful week.

Miss Martha Hackett returned to the California state normal after spending the holidays with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hackett.

William Johnson a local druggist was a recent business caller in Monongahela.

Russell Snyder of Bucknell University has returned to his school work, after spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John N. Snyder of Main street.

Mrs. H. R. Hurgis of Ellsworth, is spending some time in Pittsburg among acquaintances.

Ray Bigler of Bucknell University has returned to resume his studies after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs Abraham Bigler of Piersol avenue.

Mrs. George Newman who has been ill at her home for some time is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watson have returned after spending some time in Pittsburg.

Sherman Ames a freshman in the Philadelphia medical school, has resumed his studies after spending the vacation with hisparents.Mr. and Mrs. U. Grant Ames of near town.

In a recent service held in the Mt Calverly Lutheran church at Scenery Hill a collection amounting to $21 was raised for the Orphans' Home at Zelienople, Butler county.

William Harrington a freshman in the University of Pittsburg has returned after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Anna Harrington of the Washington Road.

Miss Louise Hetherington returned to resume her studies in the freshman class after spending the holidays with he parents Mr. and Mrs. Hiram L. Hetherington.

O. E. Kinder of Marianna is spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Newlon.

Miss Mary Chaney, assistant principal of the Bentleyville high school, spent the week end at her home, West Alexander.

S. D. Allman was a visitor in Charleroi Saturday.

Walter Richards of Ada, Ohio, is visiting with relatives in the section.

Miss Jeanne Crawford of Homestead who has been visiting with Mrs. Lulu VanVoorais has returned to her home.

Mrs. Thomas Conner of near here has returned after a visit with relatives in the Bealisville community.

D. Dunlap of South Main street, has returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Sprowls of Homestead.

Branson Smith visited at Marianna Saturday.

Moore Newlon was a visitor at Charleroi.

Thomas J. Walker visited in Charleroi Thursday.

Miss Mary Walker of Eighty Four visited her sister Mrs. W. Albert Hampson.

Earle Foster of near No. 8 visited here recently.

Miss Chalene Ames is ill at her home north of Bentleyville.

Mrs. T. W. Coleman and daughter Bernice of McKeesport are visiting Mrs. C. P. McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newlon of California state, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Newlon of Third street.

Miss Marguerite Fisher of Buckhannon, W. Va., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Newlon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knestrick of Washington visited Mrs. Margaret Howden of Scenery Hill.

Emerson Hill of Homestead is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hosak of Scenery Hill.

Mrs. E. E. Bishop and daughter, Miss Elizabeth of Beallsville visited Mr. and Mrs. George Boothe.

Byers Funeral.

Saturday morning the remains of Ralph Byers were interred in the Scenery Hill cemetery. Funeral services were held at the home of his brother, S. M. Byers of Marianna at 9:30 o'clock.

Donation Party.

New Year's day the congregation of the First Baptist church gave donations to their pastor, A. Stewart Wahl. The North Pigeon Creek Baptist church joined in the donation.

Parents Day.

Parents day was observed in the Bentleyville high school on January 1. More than a hundred parents visited the school.

Isaac Leonard.

Word has been received here of the death of Isaac Leonard at Zollarsville. He was born in Bentleyville. Mr. Leonard was 84 years of age. He had been in failing health for many years. In 1852 he was married to Armada Cox of Bentleyville. Mr. Leonard was a blacksmith by trade. He was an active church worker. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock and interment was made in the Zollarsville Lutheran cemetery.

BOROUGH FIGURES COMPARED

Continued from page one.

Total.	
$120,699.85	4,300.00
School Cash and Lein Resources.	
Sinking Funds on Hand.	
None	None
Cash on Hand.	
$18,000.00	$2,300.00
Uncollected Taxes 11-14	
$18,135.00	$3,000.00
Total.	
$36,135.00	$5,300.00
School and Borough Summary.	
Gross Indebtedness.	
$377,460.00	$78,255.15
Less Resources.	
$157,194.85	$9,600.00
Net Indebtedness.	
$220,265.15	$68,655.15
Percentage of net indebtedness to assessed valuation.	
6 and 53-100	16 and 16-100
Percentage of gross indebtedness to assessed valuation.	
11 and 2-10	18 and 11-100

From the above figures we gather that Charleroi's assessed valuation is almost eight times that of North Charleroi and that an increased millage of 2-3 of a mill in the consolidated municipality would cover the difference of 6 mills now levied in North Charleroi or $2,550.00. But if we become a third class city this amount will be offset by increased revenue from licensed hotels in the sum of $2,100.00 and a percapata tax of $1.00 from each alien resident in both boroughs which should easily be sufficient to make up the difference of $450.00. So it is very likely the taxes on real estate in Charleroi will remain as they are after consolidation, for the saving effected by doing business by one set of officers should more than offset the salary to be paid to the new councilmen, and North Charleroi should get off with 6 mills less.

"Citizen."

Star Theatre.

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EARLY MEN IN AFRICA

TRACES OF RACE THAT HUNTED ANIMALS LONG EXTINCT.

Interesting Discovery of Mammalian Bones and Human Implements Made by Scientist Near Bloemfontein—Proves Old Theory.

A most interesting discovery has lately been made showing the existence of a primitive race of men in South Africa. Doctor Broom, of Germiston, whose archaeological and geological researches have made his name familiar to scientists in Europe and America, told of a specially interesting discovery recently made of a hot spring 20 miles north of Bloemfontein, in the course of operations designed to open up the eye of the spring. To do this it was necessary to tunnel into a sand hill, and in the course of the operations the workmen came upon a large quantity of mammalian bones associated with human implements and a quantity of charred wood.

The significance of the discovery was realized by the first finders, but, fortunately, a Dutch woman in the district suspected they had scientific value, and prevented the finds from being dispersed. Doctor Broom went down and examined them. He found that the bones were chiefly those of hippopotami, eland, the huge extinct buffalo of South Africa, whose horns used to attain a span of twelve feet; the gigantic Cape horse long since extinct, which far exceeded the Clydesdale in size; an extinct variety of wild beeste; the wart hog, and a number of small buck, not yet identified.

Previous discoveries had caused scientists to believe that man had lived in South Africa contemporaneously with the extinct giant buffalo, but the proofs available were inconclusive. Dr. Bloom regards this discovery as proving their co-existence beyond doubt. The find further proves that extinct animals were killed and their bones broken, and indicates that their flesh was cooked by some primitive race of human beings. The implements found included stone knives and large spear heads, but no evidences were found of the presence of what are regarded as typical Bushman stones.

At present there is some doubt as to the race to which the human beings who hunted these giant buffalo belonged. In this connection it has been noted that the bones of an extinct buffalo and horse possibly identical with those discovered in South Africa have been found in Algeria. It is thought possible, therefore, that the tribe which hunted them migrated south along with these extinct animals during the last ice age. It is further thought that those ancient people were probably white and of European stock. Doctor Broom has sent a representative collection of the bones to Cape Town

They Locked Him Up.

Miss Fola La Follette, apropos of the late clothing strike, in which she took an active interest, said at a tea in New York:

"Such kind conduct as you mention in your argument would be aberration, or almost aberration, on the operator's part. It makes me think of a lunacy story.

"A commissioner in lunacy had called a woman to the stand.

"'And now,' said the commission's attorney to her, 'what is your ground for claiming that the prisoner is insane?'

"The woman gulped, wiped her eyes, and answered:

"'Well, gentlemen, he took me to the theater twice in one week. Each time we went in a taxicab, we had supper each time after the performance, and each time he bought me chocolates and flowers. He didn't once go out to see a man between the acts, either.'

"'But, madam,' said a commissioner, 'surely these actions do not prove insanity on the prisoner's part.'

"'But you forget, sir,' said the lady, with a sad smile, 'you forget that the prisoner is my husband.'"

Obviously Untrue.

The managing editor was disappointed, and he told the city editor so.

"Why didn't you print that story young Pounder turned in last night?" he wanted to know.

"Which story?" asked the city editor.

"The only about the crazy man scattering money through the city streets. That was a good story and full of interest. It would have been exclusive, too. I see the other papers hasn't got it."

"Well, I didn't print it because I thought it one of Pounder's fakes."

"What makes you think so?"

"It stands to reason. If it had been true Pounder would have been following him yet."

Can't Keep a Good Man Down.

The way for a young man to rise is to improve himself in every way he can, never suspecting that anybody wishes to hinder him. Allow me to assure you that suspicion and jealousy never did help any man in any situation. There may sometimes be ungenerous attempts to keep a young man down; and they will succeed, too, if he allows his mind to be diverted from its true channel to brood over the attempted injury. Cast about, and see if this failing has not injured every person you have ever known to fall into it.—Abraham Lincoln.

Uneeda Biscuit

Tempt the appetite, please the taste and nourish the body. Crisp, clean and fresh. 5 cents.

Baronet Biscuit

Round, thin, tender—with a delightful flavor—appropriate for luncheon, tea and dinner. 10 cents.

GRAHAM CRACKERS

Made of the finest ingredients. Baked to perfection. The national strength food. 10 cents.

Buy biscuit baked by

NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY

Always look for that Name.

CHARLEROI WINS FROM MONONGAHELA IN BASKETBALL

In a closely contested game Saturday evening at Monongahela the Charleroi high school alumni basket ball team won from the Monongahela high school team by the close margin of one point. The score was 44 to 43.

Stahlman, Wilson and Jimeson played a star game for Charleroi, while Downer, Wickerham and Gramley played a star game for Monongahela. The lineup:

Charleroi—44		Monongahela—43
Stahlman	F	Wickerham
Jimeson	F	Downer
Gaut	C	Gramley
Berryman	G	Billick
Wilson	C	Hill

Substitutions—C. Stahlman for Gaut. Scott for Hill. Goals from field—Stahlman 8, Jimeson 4, Wilson 6, Gaut, Berryman, Wickerham 5, Downer 7, Gramley 6. Goals from foul—Wilson 4 out of 8, Gramley 7 out of 13. Referee—"Phil" Scott of Bucknell.

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MONEY TO LOAN AT LOWEST RATES

DIAMONDS JEWELRY
WATCHES AND ALL VALUABLES

I. BIRKEN

Your Friend in Time of Need
SEE ME
620 McKean Avenue, Charleroi

What to do With All Kinds of Feet During 1915

A SUGGESTION BY THE RIGHT STORE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE STREET

There are old feet and young feet
And little feet and great.
Pretty feet, and homely feet
And feet that do not mate.
There are tender feet and tough feet.
Narrow feet and wide.
Short feet and long feet
And feet you'd like to hide.

It is quite a feat to cover feet
In style and comfort, too,
And if this is what you are looking for,
I'll suggest to you what to do.
BRING YOUR FEET TO THIS STORE,
And have them fitted with our shoes.
Your corns will never bother you,
AND I'LL BET YOU'LL NEVER HAVE THE BLUES.

YOURS FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Two doors below the Bank of Charleroi building

REDUCE HOUSE-HOLD EXPENSES!

Make Your Own Cough Medicine

The surest way to break up one of the most efficient, latest and up-to-date cough and cold remedies (which can be made at home), and buying the old, ordinary, ready-made kinds, is that with the new one you get all pure medicine, instead of buying a large proportion of sugar and water, besides paying for bottles, corks and labels; and it usually requires 2 to 3 bottles of the old-fashioned, ready-made remedies to break up a cough or cold, while 2 ounces (50c worth) of Schiffmann's new Concentrated Expectorant, which is so strongly concentrated that 2 ounces, when mixed at home with simply one pint of granulated sugar and ordinary pint of water, make a full pint (16 ounces) of excellent cough remedy, and will be sufficient to probably cure the whole family the entire winter. It positively contains no chloroform, opium, morphine or other narcotics, and is so pleasant that children like to take it. Arrangements have been made with drug store named below to refund the money to any person who finds it does not give perfect satisfaction, or if it is not found the very best remedy ever used for coughs, colds, bronchitis, croup, whooping cough and hoarseness. You will be the sole judge, and under the positive guarantee by these druggists, absolutely no risk is run in buying this remedy. For sale here by

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THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chi-ches-ter s Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHI-CHES-TER S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable

SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

LOOK AT THIS

LEE WAH

will wash your clothes clean, iron them just right and charge you a reasonable price. His laundry is at 609 McKean avenue.

Advertise

Horne's Semi-Annual 85c Shirt Sale

Begins Wednesday, January 6th

Suggestions For Ordering by Mail

State preference as to

Plain or plaited bosom,

Soft roll or laundered cuffs,

White or colored (color preference).

Wide or narrow stripes,

ALL SIZES, 13½ to 20-inch neckbands—cut in proportion.

Mail Orders should be sent at once.

In point of the number of shirts sold, at one price, in a period of four days, this is the world's greatest shirt sale.

Its history and growth, extending over more than 20 years, is a remarkable one, and attests to the satisfactory qualities and the extraordinary values which have been regularly provided for these occasions.

35,000 Shirts are required for these semi-annual sales—70,000 shirts a year. They are made by one manufacturer to the exacting specifications of this store Fast color, hand laundered. These shirts are not sold at any time except in these sales.

A great many good dressers—professional and business men—buy their entire shirt supply from year to year in these sales.

The fame of the shirts at this price has spread until their sale now extends far beyond Pittsburgh, and the number of out of town orders grows with each sale.

We assure men at a distance, who cannot conveniently attend this sale in person, that if they will send us a trial order they will find the shirts to equal their highest expectations as to style, fit, service and satisfaction at the price.

Joseph Horne Co.

Pittsburgh

HOPE FOR WOMEN OF FIFTY

Time When She Should Be Philosophical and Prepared for Wise Old Age.

There are people today asking with all appearance of sincerity what a woman of fifty or more can do. Their nothing work in the home, say these observers, is done. A common suggestion is that they be utilized in politics. This suggestion has its comical side, Miss Tarbell declares. A person who has nothing to do after fifty years of life in a business as many sided and demanding as that of a woman can hardly be expected to be worth much in a business as complicated and uncertain as politics and for which she had had no training. The notion that the woman's business is ended at fifty or sixty is fantastic in the extreme. It only ends there if she has been blind to the meaning of her own experiences, if she has never gone below the surface of her task—never seen in it anything but physical duties, has sensed none of its intimate relations to the community, none of its obligations toward those who have left her, none of those toward the oncoming generations. If it ends there she has failed to realize, too, the tremendous importance to all those who belong in her circle or who touch it of what she makes of herself, or her personal achievement.

A woman of fifty or sixty who has succeeded has come to a point of sound philosophy and serenity which is of the utmost value in the mental and spiritual development of the group to which she belongs. Life at every one of its seven stages has its peculiar harrowing experiences—hope mingles with uncertainty in youth; fear and struggle characterize early manhood; disillusionment, the question whether it is worth while, fill the years from forty to fifty, but resolute grappling with each period brings one out almost inevitably into a fine serene certainty which cannot but have its effect on those who are younger. Ripe old age—cheerful, useful, and understanding—is one of the finest influences in the world. We hang Rembrandt's or Whistler's picture of his mother on our walls that we may feel its quieting hand, the sense of peace and achievement which the picture carries. We have no better illustration of the meaning of old age.—American Magazine.

TRIUMPH OF GERMAN CHEMIST

Dr. Von Bolton Has Succeeded in Making Diamonds From Illuminating Gas.

Dr. W. Von Bolton has been trying to grow diamonds. At a recent congress of the German Bunsen society he described the decomposition of illuminating gas under the action of sodium amalgam, which precipitated the carbon in the form of black coal and, it seemed, of diamonds, but these were in too small quantity to permit of analysis. Dr. Bolton determined to obtain a greater quantity by making diamonds grow on some mother substance.

The Scientific American says he placed 50 grams of 14 per cent. sodium amalgam in a long testing tube, and coated the upper layer with a diluted water-glass solution, over which he spread amorphous diamond powder. The tube was kept at a temperature of 100 degrees centigrade in a water bath, after which a slow current of moistened illuminating gas was introduced. The amalgam was allowed to give off its mercury vapor for one month, when very little black carbon had been separated, but on the layer covered with diamond powder many particles of high brilliancy were found.

The contents of the tube were boiled in a platinum crucible with a mixture of fluoric and sulphuric acids. The microscope revealed that the amorphous powder had been converted into brilliant crystals, true diamonds, still too small, however, to allow of analysis.

New Use of the Banana.

"There are now in Jamaica six factories manufacturing banana figs, chips, meal and flour," said James McC. Harris of Boston, who recently returned from Jamaica. "During the seasons at which the fruit is cheapest all of these plants are run at their maximum capacity. The methods of drying the fruit are different in different plants, though all resort, I believe, to a hot air process. It takes about 400 to 500 pounds of the fruit to manufacture 100 pounds of meal.

"The banana fig is as palatable as the natural fig and resembles it closely in color. It has replaced the natural fig in many markets in which it has been introduced. The chips are sold primarily for breakfast foods, being made into a porridge. Several of the manufacturers, who deal in the export markets, ship the chips to their mills in those European cities and have it ground into meal there. Grist mills, the same kind used for manufacturing meal from corn, are used."

Trust Father.

"Well, what do you think of things?" inquired father as the 'bus drove away from the station.

"This scenery ain't what I expected," complained mother.

"I don't believe that mountain is half as high as the booklet claimed," declared sister.

"That sunset ain't up to the standard," was brother's comment.

"Go slow, folks," counseled father. "If the meals and the beds come up to the booklet, we won't kick."

GREATEST OF ALL DISASTERS

Flood of the Hoang-Ho in China in '87 Takes First Place Among Catastrophes.

"Talking of floods, what was the greatest disaster nature ever hit the world with?" I don't mean the deluge or anything so far off as that, and I don't mean wars, either. They're our own work. But what was the biggest loss of life that ever happened because of a flood or a fire or an earthquake, or anything of that sort, as far back as the ordinary records go?"

"I suppose you don't include plagues, such as the 'black death' that ravaged Europe for a century or so, almost continuously, back in the Middle Ages?"

"No; that lasted too long. I mean one of the sudden smashes that have hit the world and knocked out cities or sunk ships; anything of that kind."

"Well," said the man appealed to as a handy reference book, "if you limit it that way I think the flood of the Hoang-ho, or Yellow River, in China, in 1887, takes first place. It began late in September and before the water went down about 50,000 square miles of one of the most fertile and populous plains in the world had been swept by the swift current. That means twenty-five per cent. more land than there is in Ohio.

"More than a thousand villages and towns were simply washed off the map, and the loss of life has never been calculated at less than a million. Some authorities say that fully 1,100,000 persons perished. It was like wiping out as many people as there are in Cleveland and Cincinnati together."

"I should say that might be the record disaster of all the ages!" exclaimed the friend who started the talk about losses through the violence of nature. "It must be away ahead of anything an earthquake ever did, or a storm at sea."

"Yes, probably by four to one, at least. But some of the worst earthquakes and volcanic eruptions have done a lot of killing where there was no way to get authentic figures. It is possible that more than a quarter of a million people have lost their lives in some earthquake or eruption, or both together, but the odds are against it."

"What a paralyzing thing such a flood as the one in China would be if it happened in this country or Europe!"

"Indeed, it would," was the reply, "but half the people in China probably never even heard the news."

Rather an Abuse.

Claude Grahame-White, the English aviator, is a tory, and, like all tories, he hates the Democratic legislation of the chancellor of the exchequer, David Lloyd-George.

Mr. Grahame-White, in a recent letter to an American friend—married to an American wife, he has many American friends—said bitterly:

"The Lloyd-George policies are all open to abuse. Take his latest policy, the maternity benefit, 30 shillings a week to every insured woman who has a child born to her.

"A mechanician of mine was in a pub, getting a glass of sour ale the other day, when a woman entered.

"'Say, old dear,' she began, 'could you let me have half a dozen o' gin on tick? Tom and me are havin' a party tonight.'

"'You're a customer of mine,' said the landlord doubtfully, 'but if I let you have this gin, when'll I get my money?'

"The woman smiled an embarrassed smile. Then she said:

"'Old Lloyd-George'll owe me thirty bob next month. I'll pay you then, old dear!'"

He Should Worry.

Three students of philosophy sat on top of a high hill. One was a Pessimist, one an Optimist and the third had not declared himself.

While the first two were warmly discussing their opposing theories of life, a sudden gust of wind simultaneously lifted off three hats and sent them bowling down the hill. The Pessimist and the Optimist gave chase, but their companion remained calmly sitting on top of the hill and watched the others running after the hats. Presently each procured his own hat and the Optimist picked up also that of the third man. Then they panted back up the hill.

"Whew!" gasped the Optimist, as he handed over the hat to him who still sat on top of the hill. "I guess you're an Optimist, too. You didn't seem to worry any."

"Why should I?" was the dispassionate reply. "I knew that 'mine own shall return to me.' You see, I'm a Fatalist."—Frederick Moxon, in Lippincott's.

Really Neat Retort.

While telling stories in the firelight on a recent afternoon the question arose: "What is the neatest and cleverest retort on record?" The claimants were many, but the following, which may not be familiar to some of our readers, was adjudged winner:

One day Dougles Jerrold and a friend, who were neither quite so sober as they might have been, quarreled, as men will under such circumstances. Next morning Jerrold, who had forgotten the incident, met the friend on the street, and raised his hat in greeting, as was then the manner. To his surprise he was "cut dead." He pulled up in surprise. "My dear B——, what is wrong?" "Oh," said B——, in whom the memory of the quarrel still rankled, "I never raise my hat to a cad, Jerrold." "Don't you?" replied Jerrold, raising his hat again as he passed on. "I always do."

Library Without Light.

The great national library of France, the Bibliotheque Nationale, in Paris, has a splendid site, 44½ miles of shelves and 3,000,000 volumes to fill them, but in the winter that vast store of learning and intellectual delight is nearly useless, because the library has no artificial light, and its books are issued to readers and students only in the middle of the short days.

National and State Banks.

National banks may loan money on approved security, but they are prohibited from loaning money upon real estate or upon the security of their own stock, and from making accommodation loans to any person, company, corporation or firm to an amount exceeding one-tenth part of their capital. State banks and private banks may loan money upon real estate.

Removing Stains.

Paint stains are easily removed when they are fresh, but they are not generally discovered until they are dried. To remove wet paint from white fabric wash it with soap and water and then boil it with kerosene in the water. The rub the stain between the hands with soap and hot water. By this time the stain should be gone. Rinse in several waters.

Mixed Metaphor.

One day while caressing her little three-year-old daughter, a mother called her "My little comfort." A few evenings later, when callers were present, she gathered the little one up in her arms, but without further attention. Presently, feeling neglected, she looked up into her mother's face and asked: "Mamma, is I your little blanket?"

Appropriate Decoration.

"Why do politicians wear high hats and frock coats?" asked the person who makes trivial inquiries. "Well," replied Senator Sorghum, "the high hat and the frock coat constitute the appropriate attire for occasions both of mourning and congratulation. And every election makes a politician feel as if he were going to a funeral or a wedding."

First American Flag.

The first American flag of the present stars and stripes pattern was hoisted over Ft. Schuyler, then a military post on the site of the present village of Rome, Oneida county, New York. At that time the flag had only thirteen stars, but the stripes were the same in number as now, thirteen.

Inference Obvious.

Reggie (over on a visit)—"Do you know, old chap, I think that vulgah fellow over there insulted me?" American Friend—"You think so? What did he say?" Reggie—"Why, he suggested in a very rude manner that when I die I bequeath my head to a collar-button factory."

Why He Quit Working.

Woman (lecturing tramp)—"You should work, if only to set a good example to others." Tramp—"I did that once, mum, an' the poor feller wot took the example worked so hard he died er nervous prostration."

Wood Pulp Sponges.

Treated with chloride of zinc, wood pulp forms a viscous mass. When salt is added and the mixture has been rinsed with alcohol and compressed a fair imitation of a sponge results—Harper's Weekly.

Slight Formality.

"Do you think the office ought to seek the man?" "Yes," replied the willing patriot; "although of course it may be necessary for the man to leave his address with the head of a department."

Her Diploma.

"She says she went abroad to finish her education. I wonder if she learned much." "She told me she had six new ways to fix her hair."—Judge.

Willie's Advice.

"You'd better eat slow," said Willie to the clergyman who was dining with the family. "Mamma never gives more'n one piece of pie."

Real Meaning of Phrase.

When a person says "I am terribly misunderstood" it generally means that somebody has become thoroughly wise to him.

Play With Spirit.

Fogg—Shakespeare is immortal. I consider "Hamlet" a play for all time. Fogg—That's so; it will never give up the ghost.

The Family Horse.

A family horse never seems to be going anywhere in particular until it is going home.—Maryville Tribune.

Daily Thought.

After all, our worst misfortunes never happen, and most miseries lie in the anticipation.—Balzac.

Can Generally Find Company.

The man who can make others laugh is seldom permitted to go lonesome.

Two Big Features at the Coyle Monday. "THE UNLUCKY HORSESHOE," 3 parts. "BEFORE THE WHITE MAN CAME." 2 parts. Bison.

THE CHARLEROI MAIL

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VALUATION INCREASES IN SUM OF $135,575

Triennial Statement Shows Progress of Charleroi

SECOND IN THE COUNTY

"Magic City" Next to Washington in Number of Taxables

According to the triennial assessment of the borough of Charleroi the valuation of property subject to taxation here is $135,575 more than it was in 1910. The triennial statement was published today by the county commissioners. The total valuation is $3,463,000.

Since 1910 there has been an almost steady gain in Charleroi. The value of houses, lots, mills, factories etc., increased by the assessment taken during the fall of 1912 by Assessor J. L. Reeves to the extent of $150,100. However, there were in some instances decreases.

The number of taxables in the borough increased from 2,601 to 2,383 in three years, or 218. The value of occupations decreased from the 1910 assessment from $241,375 to $222,595, or to the extent of $18,780.

There are 181 horses in Charleroi now, or to be exact just one more than at the time of the last assessment. The value of the horses is $14,930, which places the value of each horse at $82.43. In 1910 the value of all horses was $11,550, or a little more than $64 apiece.

Fifty-six cattle, as compared with the 27 of 1910, have a valuation of $1,715. The 1910 valuation of cattle was $840. The money at interest amounts to $142,479.

Announcement is made by the county commissioners that the Board of Revision will meet in the commissioner's office in Washington on Monday January 20 for the purpose of making equalization of the assessments. One feature in the report of the tri-ennial assessment is that next to Washington, Charleroi has the largest number of taxables of any town, or city or township in the county, but in valuation is surpassed by Washington borough, Amwell township, North Strabane township, Nottingham township, Somerset township, West Bethlehem township, and Monongahela. The townships are rich in their coal territory. Donora has a big valuation because of the large steel mills. It surpasses Charleroi by about $500,000. Somerset has the next largest valuation, Washington only leading it.

Speers has a total valuation of $139,060, and North Charleroi $400,145.

Notice

Riggs and Stech, the most up-to-date Shoe Store in the valley will give to each and every new born baby a pair of soft sole shoes. Call at our store and make your selection. 118-tf

J. I. Kearns, of West Union, W. Va., after a visit with his brothers James Kearnes, of McKean avenue left today for his home.

Men's all solid work shoes $1.50, Saturday special. Sample Shoe Store. 137-t2

Snow Makes Traffic Hard

Heavy Fall of White Disarranges Train and Trolley Schedules

Charleroi and in fact the whole of Western Pennsylvania got its first real experience of the winter with a heavy snow Friday, in the shape of a near blizzard that blocked trolley and railway lines and made going of any kind difficult. By this morning affairs were gotten in shape so that the railway and trolley line traffic was up nearly to schedule. Roads were blocked in the nearby townships, and farmers had trouble getting them broken enough to make their regular Saturday visit to town.

COUNTY WEALTH SHOWN

Total Valuation for Taxable Purposes is $124,115

COAL VERY VALUABLE

The total valuation of all taxable property in Washington county is $124,115,205, according to the returns from the triennial assessments. The total of the assessment is the following:

Number of taxables, 42,409; value of occupations, $3,920,085 number of horses, 14,480; value, $1,268,575; number of cattle, 14,280; value $445,250; acres of cleared land, 480,070; acres of timber land, 16,495; acres of coal, 332,960; value of coal, $46,458,578; acres of surface, 360,445; value, $17,412,352; acres of land, 134,719; value, $12,837,043; values of houses, lots, etc., $41,763,322; money at interest, $17,148,140.

Coyle Theatre Monday—Special.

"The Unlucky Horseshoe," big Kinograph three-reel feature. A straight clean drama, full of action and gripping heart interest, where a steeplechase decides the case of two suitors for the hand of one woman. A lucky horseshoe turns the trick. Also "Before the White Man Came," a Bison in two reels. Story of an old Apache legend. Splendid pictures of prehistorical American life. Four reels. Monday, January 6. Adults 10 cents. Children 5 cents. 138t1

Everhart Studio.

Portraits—Make an engagement. Fifth and Fallowfield, Charleroi, Pa. 138t4

Men's plain rubbers, 63c. Charleroi Sample Shoe Store. 137-t2

NO ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL THIS YEAR

New Law Makes Change in System Necessary---Election of Officers Not to be Held Until the First of Next January

Owing to the change in the laws regulating election and organization of councilmen, the Charleroi council will neither organize on Monday nor elect any new officers. The law compels the organization of councils in municipalities over the State the first Monday of January, biennially. Council organized last year, which means there will be no organization until 1914.

Council will hold its regular monthly meeting on next Tuesday night, when the regular monthly routine of business will be taken up.

Four councilmen are to be elected at the fall election in November. They will take their offices the first of next year at the time of organization.

At the time of organization the three police will be elected, the borough clerk, the borough engineer, drivers, borough solicitor, and other municipal officers.

NOBODY-LOVE-YOU LOOK INDICATES ATTACK OF GRIP

Though the cold weather is not generally very much admired it is regarded as somewhat of a blessing by those suffering from grip and those who have been trying to keep the disease at arm's length. The grip is very distinguishable these days. When you meet people that are wearing that "nobody-loves-me" look and tell you that they feel like thunder all over and just ache and ache, and oh! that awful head, then you have pretty conclusive evidence that they have the grip.

The combination look and feeling is said to be contagious, which probably accounts for the big number of cases of grip in Charleroi.

EXPECTED TO RECOVER FROM SERIOUS BURNS

Miss Lillian Belle Parsons, daughter of B. L. Parsons who was seriously burned Friday morning when her clothing caught fire at a grate, is still suffering greatly from her burns, but seems improved. Unless there are some unexpected complications, Miss Parsons will recover.

A Reduction in the Cost of Living.

Beginning Monday, January 6, the Co-Operative Store will pay a cash dividend or discount of 5 per cent on all goods bought and taken from its stores. Members and non-members will continue to receive the regular dividend checks in connection with the cash discount of 5 per cent. The directors of the Association are of the opinion that no one should share in expenses he does not help to make.

Any one coming to the store, buying and taking his purchase away, saves the Association solicitor and driver's expenses. To those we extend a cordial invitation, and will help to reduce the cost of living to a minimum. A cash discount of 5 per cent added to our regular dividend means a saving of at least 10 per cent. If you consider that our average prices are lower than other stores the saving is still larger.

No use kicking about prices if you do not practice saving where it can be done. The Association will furnish market baskets free of charge to its patrons, and with your help, we may do still better things.

138-t1 The Co-Operative Store.

Boy's high cut shoes 1 to 5 1-2, $1.95. Charleroi Sample Shoe Store. 137-t2

Mrs. P. Connelly and son Master Joseph who had been visiting relatives in Sharpsburg have returned home.

Everhart Studio.

Portraits—Make an engagement. Fifth and Fallowfield, Charleroi, Pa.

Men's rubber boots, $2.95. Charleroi Sample Shoe Store. 137-t2

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Wilson, January 1, of Eighth street, a son.

MRS. GARRETT DIES, AGED 29, AT HOME HERE

Mrs. Sara A. Garrett, aged 29 years, the wife of George Garrett, died this morning at 7:35 o'clock, at her home 809 Lookout avenue after an extended illness. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock conducted by Rev. Cherry of the Church of Jesus Christ. Interment will be made in the Charleroi cemetery. Mrs. Garrett was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gelder of Crest avenue. Besides the husband, one child, George Willard, aged 3 survives.

WOMAN KNOWN IN CHARLEROI DIES IN FAYETTE COUNTY

Mrs. Mary Jane Craft, widow of Isaiah Craft, of Heistersburg, five miles south of Brownsville died at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon at her home after an illness of two years. Mrs. Craft was one of the oldest and wealthiest women in that section of the county. Death was due to hardening of the arteries. She had been confined to her bed for the past two months and for six weeks had no use of her limbs. She suffered a paralytic stroke at 3 o'clock in the morning and from that time until her death she gradually declined.

Mrs. Craft was 76 years of age. She was born November 2, 1836 at Merrittstown. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham. Mrs. Craft was a lifelong Christian woman and a devoted student of the Bible. She was a member of the Hopewell Presbyterian church for many years and until her illness two years ago, took an active part in the affairs of the church.

She is survived by two sisters, the Misses Martha and Mary Cunningham, of Heistersburg, and two grandchildren, Mrs. Charles Newcomer, of Charleroi, and Edgar Craft of Brownsville.

Funeral services were held at the Craft residence, near Heistersburg at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, Rev. A. T. Huber, pastor of the Hopewell Presbyterian church officiating. Interment was in the Redstone cemetery at Brownsville. The deceased was well known in Fallowfield township.

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The White Sewing Machine company at 423 Fallowfield avenue is giving away a $75.00 White Rotary Sewing Machine to the highest bidder. Contest closes January 15, 1913. Come in and register your bid. 136-t12

NOTICE

On account of death in the family our places of business will be closed on Monday, January 6.

Wm. Gelder,
Jas. Gelder.

138t1

Men's high cut shoes at $2.45. Charleroi Sample Shoe Store. 137-t2

GEN. BIXBY ASKS THAT LOCK NO. 6 BE BUILT

Chief of Army Engineers Seeks Appropriation for Purpose

REPORTS WORK AT NO. 4

Tells Congress of Start Made Here on New Lock—Coal Men Want to Talk

Construction of Lock No. 4 was shown to be in progress, and the construction of Lock No. 6 was reported to be badly needed by Gen. W. H. Bixby, chief of engineers of the United States Army in his report which was transmitted to Congress Friday. Two plans for rebuilding Lock No. 6 are suggested; one to construct a single lock around the old one at a cost of $350,400, and the other to construct a double lock chamber at a cost of $557,000. The former plan is the one favored by Gen. Bixby, while the river men prefer the latter plan.

Entirely out of date and inadequate for the traffic it is expected to handle is the way J. C. Neff, president of the Crucible Coal company, and J. W. D. Dougherty, president of the Pittsburg Crucible Steel company characterized Lock No. 6, in interviews at Washington Friday with Representative A. J. Barchfeld, and other members of the Rivers and Harbors committee. The coal men are anxiously seeking a hearing before the Rivers and Harbors committee on the matter of improvement of Lock No. 6.

A single company has expended $700,000 in opening and developing coal mining properties and manufacturing plants above Lock No. 6 and will have a tonnage of at least 1,000,000 tons a year of coal to pass through the lock. The same company is spending $500,000 in the construction of barges and steamboats for transporting coal from above Lock No. 6, and it is contended that the locks should be large enough to receive the same size coal barges which the other locks receive, so as to prevent reloading. The Rivers and Harbors committee will meet on Monday and may consider the matter.

Progress on Bridge Slow

Lack of Material Only Thing However That Will Hold Back at Belle Vernon

During the past two weeks there has been some work done by the contractor on the iron work of the Speers-Belle Vernon bridge, according to the Belle Vernon Enterprise. Four or five men have been at work getting the material placed and just as soon as it is possible to get things ready more men will be put on and the job rushed to completion.

Work has been proceeding rather slow, but it is stated that progress on the bridge will now be hindered only by the lack of sufficient material.

OFFICERS OF BOARD ARE NAMED

Officers Elected by Poor Organization in County

REPORTS ARE RECEIVED

At the reorganization meeting of the county poor board at Washington this week the board officers for the coming year were named and the employes of the County and Children's home selected. The three members of the board, H. C. Brownaller, of West Brownsville; R. C. Buchanan, of Washington, and Dr. R. W. Wolfe, of Taylorstown, were all present. Mr. Brownaller was chosen president, while Mr. Buchanan was named secretary and treasurer.

But two changes were made in the present force of employes at the two county institutions, a new farmer being named at each home. At the County home John W. Quivey was elected superintendent, with Mrs. Quivey as matron. Fred Huffman was elected engineer, Dr. C. B. Woods was elected physician and Mr. Breese was selected as farmer.

At the Children's home Mrs. Hatty Porch was re-elected superintendent at a salary of $1,000 a year while the other selections were as follows: Dr. G. M. Kelly, physician at $200 a year; J. H. Paul, engineer at $60 a month; Wylie Dorman, of Rea, to succeed William Ross as farmer, $40 a month; Mrs. Belle Young, matron of the girl's department; Miss Emily Nelson, matron of the boy's department; Mrs. L. A. Dagg, seamstress, and Miss Etta Fulton, teacher.

Mrs. Porch's annual report which was submitted to the poor directors was of a most satisfactory nature. It showed that on January 1, 1912, there were 72 children in the home. The following figures indicate the year's work: Children admitted during the year; 185; placed in homes, 49; returned to parents, 114; legally adopted, 5; sent to other institutions, 31; taken by juvenile court, 14; died 1; dismissed during year 208; cared for during year, 306; in the home at the present time, 48.

The aim of Mrs. Porch has been to keep the children in the home only until they could be placed in homes where they could receive the best of treatment. At the present time all the little wards of the county are in excellent health, there not having been a case of sickness for four weeks.

Funeral Held Today

The funeral of Mrs. Anna L. Dunn who was killed on the Pittsburg-Charleroi railways line New eYar's day was held from her home in Naomi today. Arrangements will be made by Coroner Heffran for an inquest later.

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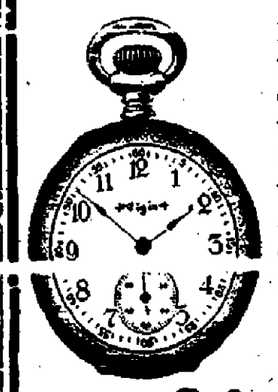

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INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS.

One of the great defects in the laws ofthis country is that they are not clear and specific, and that individuals, if they secure all the rights and privileges that are coming to them, are obliged to fight their cases through court at their own expense. Some of the examples of this are where public service corporations impose regulations and charges on the public unlawfully, and it is up to the individual to establish his rights in the case through the courts. It is stated that it is contrary to law for a public service corporation to make a person buy the meter to measure the product the corporation sells, yet to assert this right involves a long and expensive litigation, and the result is that each individual submits to the extortion because he can't afford to make the corporation play fair.

This is the result of having all our laws court made. When congress or the legislature enacts a law no one accepts it, but goes on and violates its provisions at will. Then if an attempt is made to enforce the law it is taken to court, and after a tortuous and expensive passage to the last court of appeals, the law is as likely to be declared inoperative as to stand. This is entirely wrong. The sovereign people should have the law making power entirely in their own hands, and it should never be necessary for an individual to have to submit to being held up and plundered, just because he is too poor to fight for his rights through the courts. So long as the people have the voting power in their own hands they can vote out this injustice as well as some of the other things they have been changing lately.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE GAINING.

In accordance with the pledges of the Democratic platform of New York, Governor Sulzer, the newly elected executive of the Empire State has recommendd in his message to the legislature that a measure be adopted at once providing for a constitutional amendment to that effect to be submitted to the voters. It will depend upon the voters whether or not the measure will carry. Unfortunately this referendum is up to the men alone to decide.

It is not only possible but quite probable that the Pennsylvania legislature may pass a bill this session for an amendment to submit the question of woman suffrage to the voters of the state. Such a bill will be introduced, and a number of prominent politicians have declared in favor of submitting the question to the voters. Among these are United States Senator Boise Penrose, whose declaration has encouraged the suffragets to the extent that they almost see victory ahead for their cause. Woman suffrage is not far off, and even if the amendment to submit the question to the voters should happen to be defeated, it will be sure to win at the next trial.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

This sporadic lighting system is what might be termed a "religion tester."

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The churches are now looking for the guy that puts do in donation.

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Rinehart, of Waynesburg is said to have put the Western Penitentiary upon a money making basis. Wonder who handled the funds?

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John R. K. Scott of Philadelphia is a candidate for the speakership of the State House of Representatives. That disproves the assertion that J. K. P. Hall is the only alphabetical individual who thinks he is entitled to honors.

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It seems funny that some folks can't learn that when the house starts a card game, the house doesn't expect to lose.

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Another guide has been killed accidentally by a hunter in Maine. It beats all how the supply of Main guides hold out.—Philadelphia Star.

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Some soap is made with lye, and its reputation with lies.

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No, Madge, the speaker of the House isn't elected this year until the legislature convenes.

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Compliments of reality differ from the circus variety like a politician from an acrobat.

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It is funny the way users of one kind of "dope" will deplore the evil done other people by another variety.

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Business didn't stop even if people did have to write the numerals 1913.

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The regular annual announcement is being made that Greene county is to have a railroad.

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Everybody is a better politician in his own mind than the man who does the running.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

Discussing the criticisms and weaknesses of our public school system, which are now being widely exploited in the magazines and periodicals, Supt. Thos. L. Pollock stated that one of the deficiencies was ably illustrated by the poor washerwoman, who sent the following note regarding her little daughter to the school teacher:

"Dear Ma'am—I write you this note to see if I can't make some different arrangements regarding my little girl's lessons. I have to work hard washing all day, and then work late every night teaching my girl her lessons for you to hear. I thought may be we could arrange it so that you could teach her the lessons at school and let me hear them at home, as it would save me much time and work.

Your truply,
Mrs. ———"

"This," said Supt. Pollock, "is perhaps the chief reason why so many objections are being raised against home study by school pupils. The child is too often not properly taught each day at school, and has to make up the deficiency at home. With proper teaching at school, some supplemental home study cannot be detrimental to any child."

"Oh!" exclaimed a vivacious young woman clerk at the Monongahela postoffice Friday morning when she opened a mail bag for the early morning distribution of mail. Then she remembered there were duties elsewhere in the postoffice demanding her instant attention. Another clerk essayed to sort out the mail, and found he wasn't feeling very well, and needed a walk around the block.

Finally a strong healthy individual undertook the work of distribution. He emptied the mail bag. His distressed countenance proved something was very much wrong. Standing as far back from the "operating" table as possible and still work, he separated the parcels [illegible] parcels post mail—into their proper classification. Unable to stand the insistent calling of a something he investigated. The postoffice was practically deserted by the time he had completed his Sherlock performance because of the plain insult to olfactory organs. Only one individual stood his ground, it is related, he a stolid looking individual. The clerk finally noticed him at the window.

"Dot's mine. Gif me dot," the stolid chap is said to have demanded.

"Gosh!" exploded the clerk, "Take it, and get out, if you value your life."

It was Limberger cheeze somebody had sent through the mail. The postoffice was fumigated.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

And the Necessity For Cultivating the Art of Enunciation.

Speaking is one of those arts which people seem to think are unnecessary to study and learn, and the probability is that most speakers of the kind mentioned are blissfully unaware of their inaudibility. Doubtless their voice resounds comfortably in the empty spaces of their own chest and head, and this prevents them from knowing that it does not penetrate to the auditory apparatus of other people.

To be a lecturer it is not only necessary to know your subject, but the art of enunciation and audible delivery needs to be learned also. And the sound of one's voice in one's own ears is a most misleading guide. Such people ought to be trained by being made to read or speak from one end of a large room to somebody teaching them at the other end, when they would soon find out that tones which will pass muster in a conversation are useless in a public speech.

In conversation we carelessly slur half our syllables, leaving our interlocutor to guess them from the context, but this will not do in a public speech, where people are too far off to catch the signs. Again, a word pronounced in the ordinary English way—of throwing a strong accent on a single syllable and slurring the other syllables—becomes reduced to a mere monosyllable when said in that manner in a large room.—Theosophical Path.

The People of Great Britain.

Ethnologically Great Britain is a mixture of many races, resulting from a succession of invasions. When the Romans invaded Britain the inhabitants were Celtic, mixed with an earlier Euskarian non-Aryan element. They continued to be mainly so until the fifth and sixth centuries, when the level parts of the country were overrun by German tribes. Then followed invasions by the Danes and other Scandinavian tribes and lastly the Norman conquest. The inhabitants of England and the lowlands of Scotland, therefore, sprang from an amalgamation of the original Celtic with German and Scandinavian blood. Wales and the highlands of Scotland are still inhabited by descendants of the ancient Celtic tribes. The people of Ireland also are of Celtic origin, although there is an admixture of many other races.

A Sundial That "Struck."

Paris is said to posses more sundials than any other city in the world. In the eighteenth century the sundial was popular in Paris. Every day at noon the sundial in the Palais Royal was the center of interest of an eager crowd. A writer speaks of a "great crowd in the corner of the Palais Royal garden, standing motionless, with their noses in the air. Each was waiting for noon, having his watch in hand, ready to set it at 12 o'clock. When the Duke of Orleans was altering the palace in 1782 the Parisians were much disturbed, thinking that they were to be deprived of their favorite sundial. But the duke not only preserved the sundial, but added to it a little powder magazine, which was so arranged that it exploded when the sunlight fell upon it, thus notifying every one who heard the explosion that the hour of noon had arrived. Later a cannon, which was discharged by the sun at noon, gave the signal.

Information Not Needed.

A middle aged woman went into a shop and without hesitation made straight for the crape counter. The girl who handled this funeral material was extremely affable.

"We have a large stock of crapes," she explained. "Let me show you some new French goods, very popular at this time for every kind of mourning and designed to express every degree of grief. If you will tell me for whom you are in mourning I can fix you out in exactly the right thing."

"Husband," replied the customer briefly.

"In that case," said the girl graciously, "I can tell you just what"—

"Young lady," interrupted the older woman angrily, "you needn't bother yourself. This is the fourth husband I've buried, and I know all about it."—St. Paul Dispatch.

Two Puns.

Miss Young—After all, what is marriage but a mistery?

Miss Older—Yes, and what is spinsterhood but perpetual missery?—London Tit-Bits.

A DETECTIVE STORY.

One They Tell In London on Two American Police Officials.

As an illustration of the good nature of Frank Froest, who used to be chief of Scotland Yard, they tell this story in London:

Many years ago two American detectives chanced to be in London together, awaiting the extradition of criminals who had been arrested in England for offenses committed in the United States. The Hotel Victoria was then American headquarters in London, and one evening the two Hawkshaws, who had had a convivial day, fell asleep side by side on a divan in the big smoking room of the hostelry. An American humorist found a pair of handcuffs in the office of the manager of the hotel and proceeded to shackle the pair together, when for two or three hours they slumbered peacefully while the guests of the hotel, American and English including the ladies, came to gaze upon the scene.

When the detectives finally awakened about 1 o'clock in the morning it was impossible to find a key to the handcuffs and hence impossible to liberate them. They would not hear of sending to a police station for assistance lest the story of their plight get out, but they had confidence that Froest, who was then a plain detective inspector, would not betray them. A messenger to Scotland Yard, near by, learned that Froest had gone home long before, but got his address several miles away in the suburbs. An American newspaper man who knew Froest reached his home by cab after 2 o'clock in the morning. He was awakened from slumber and without protest came all the way to the Victoria and released his fellow craftsmen.—New York Sun.

A Modern Raleigh.

He was a stalwart young citizen she a charming young woman. They were under an awning. The rain had ceased, but the street was muddy. He did not look like Sir Walter Raleigh, nor did she look like Queen Elizabeth. But probably Q. E. never looked prettier.

"Wuxtry pelpers!" shouted a newsboy.

"Say, kid," he said, "are you too busy to earn a half dollar?"

"Well, Bo," replied the boy, "do I look like a cheap edition of Mr. Rocke-by-baby? Show me de mun."

"Well, boy, take your papers, spread 'em out from curb to car track. Cover the mud with 'em. Get busy!"

He paid the astonished boy. The car came. He bowed in courtly manner to the queen. She blushed and said:

"Oh, Billy, you foolish boy!" But she walked over the papered path as proudly as Q. E. could have done.

Then, like Q. E., she sentenced him for life. He is her meal ticket now.—Chicago Record-Herald

"More Bacon."

Many years ago Congdon's tavern in Wickford, Rhode Island, was famous for its good cheer, and in "Early Rhode Island" W. B. Weeden has an entertaining tale of John Randolph of Roanoke, who was once a visitor at the inn.

Mr. Randolph was on his way to Newport and made his journey on horseback with his cousin Edmund [illegible] Washington. All the way from New York "ham and eggs" had been the universal fare. At Wickford Congdon said he would give them clams for supper. The eccentric John of Roanoke rubbed his hands in pleased expectation. Then appeared the host again, saying the tide was too high for clams, but they should have some capital quahaugs.

"Good heavens," exclaimed Randolph, who did not know that the quahaug is a hard shelled variety of clam, "more bacon!"

The Academy Shine.

The man who has the most highly polished shoes in Paris today is Paul Bourget. To one of his friends who was marveling not long ago at their incomparable brilliancy he communicated, under an oath of secrecy, this recipe:

"First you wash the shoe so-so with some water. Then you dry it and rub blacking cloth over it. Next you take a second cloth, softer than the first, and rub until the shine is perfection itself. Then with a sheep bone you rub for five minutes to fix the blacking, and that operation puts it in the proper condition to receive the polish, which you spread on with your thumb. All you have to do after that is to let it dry."

For your shoes to acquire the academy brilliancy you polish unceasingly and then polish them some more.—Paris Pele Mele.

An Editor Extinguished.

Here is a story of a bumptious editor, told in W. H. Rideing's "Many Celebrities and a Few Others." The editor sat beside Mr. Gladstone at a dinner party.

"I received a note from you a few days ago," said Mr. Gladstone pleasantly.

"From me? Not from me. I am sure you didn't. You may have had one from my secretary."

Mr. Gladstone, though clearly hurt, nodded his head gently in acquiescence, and the conversation went on, Mr. Gladstone taking a predominant share. But the editor was not allowed to get a word in edgewise for the rest of the evening. Mr Gladstone would neither see him nor hear him, and, except to himself, he was nonexistent.

Too Much For Webster.

In the somewhat famous case of Mrs. Bodgen's will, which was tried in the supreme court many years ago, Daniel Webster appeared as counselor for the appellant. Mrs. Greenough, wife of the Rev. William Greenough was a very self possessed witness. Notwithstanding Mr. Webster's repeated efforts to disconcert her, she pursued the even tenor of her way until Webster, becoming quite fearful of the result, arose, apparently in great agitation, and, drawing out his large muffbox, thrust his thumb and finger to the very bottom and, carrying a deep pinch to both nostrils, drew it up with gusto, and then, extracting from his pocket a very large handkerchief, he blew his nose with a report that rang distinct and loud through the crowded hall.

He then asked, "Mrs. Greenough was Mrs. Bodgen a neat woman?"

"I cannot give you full information as to that, sir. She had one very dirty trick," replied the witness.

"What was that, ma'am?"

"She took snuff!"

Resting on His Laurels.

An undertaker was discussing queer sepultures.

"A queer sepulture indeed," he said, "was that of a German playwright, Gustave von Moser. Von Moser kept in his house a costly and beautiful urn. He purposed to be cremated, and his ashes were to be put in the urn afterward.

"But the strangest thing about the urn was that it contained a little bed of ashes during Von Moser's life. He used, you see, to get a good many laurel wreaths when his new plays were put on, and he would take a sprig from each wreath, burn it and drop the ashes into the urn.

"'My own ashes,' he would say, 'will be on top. Thus after death it may be truly said of me that I am resting on my laurels."—New York Tribune

Flags We Have Known.

The first flag to float over American soil was the royal standard of Isabella, emblazoned with the arms of Castile and Leon. A white flag with a green cross was its companion. Some years after Columbus landed at San Salvador the Cabots planted the banner of England and of St. Mark of Venice on the eastern shore of North America. In the centuries that have intervened since a variety of national flags have waved where now only the stars and stripes is the accepted emblem. Over Texas have floated the French, Spanish, English, American and Confederate; in Louisiana the lilies of France, the Spanish flag, the tricolor, the American and Confederate flags; in California the Spanish, Mexican, Russian and American.

Moors Consider Us Dirty.

A habit of our own which we consider far more cleanly than eating with our fingers is looked upon by the Moors as filthy—that is, washing our hands or face in a basin and, still more, taking a bath where the water is not running. The cleaner we become, they say, the dirtier the water we are washing with must necessarily become, and eventually we step forth as cleansed from water which is no longer clean. A Moor to wash his hands has the water poured from a vessel over them, and never by any chance dips them into the dirty water. The same way in their baths. The water is thrown over their bodies out of bright brass bowls and flows away through holes in the marble of the floor.

Mammy's Expedient.

Little Rastus was becoming very objectionable at school because his wool was growing longer and longer, far beyond the cutting stage. The teacher tried hinting to no purpose and then told him outright to go have his hair cut, giving him a quarter for the purpose.

Rastus broke out crying and said "No, ma'am; I dassn't hab it cut. My mammy, she wants a new switch, and she's done a-growin' it on me."—Ladies' Home Journal

In a Bad Way.

"I fear that my husband will break down. He is suffering from brain exhaustion."

"How dreadful! What are his symptoms?"

"He latterly keeps repeating himself in his excuses for coming home late from the club, dear."

What She Really Wanted.

Ferdie had just proposed to Millie.

"No, Ferdie," she said; "I cannot marry you. The man who gets me must be a grand man, upright and square."

"My dear girl," said Ferdie, "you don't want a man; you want a piano."—Exchange

Translating the Definition.

Johnny—Papa, what does precocious mean? Papa—It means—a—it is a term applied to children who know more than is usual at their age. Johnny—Oh, yes; it means a fresh kid!

For Appearance.

"How can you marry a man as old as all that?"

"Well, mother says I will look well in white, and sister says I will look well in black."—Pittsburgh Post.

Money and Trouble.

"Money, after all, means nothing but trouble."

"Still, it is the only kind of trouble which it is hard to borrow."—Baltimore American

He that falls into sin is a man; he that grieves at it is a saint; that boasteth of it is a devil.—Fuller.

WHISTLER AT WORK.

The Eccentric Artist Had a Method That Was All His Own.

In "Memories of James McNeill Whistler," by Thomas R. Way, the author alludes as a glance at the artist's methods during his residence at the white house in Tite street, built from the designs of his friend, E. W. Godwin, the architect:

"The studio was surprisingly different from the room he previously used in Lindsay row, and entirely unlike the studios usually occupied by other artists. I remember a long, not very lofty room, very light, with windows along one side; his canvas beside his model at one end and at the other, near the table which he used as a palette, an old Georgian looking glass, so arranged that he could readily see his canvas and model reflected in it. Those who used such a mirror (as he did constantly) will know that it is the most merciless of critics.

"I marveled then at his extraordinary activity, as he darted backward and forward to look at both painting and model from his point of view at the extreme end of the long studio. He always used brushes of large size with very long handles, three feet in length, and held them from the end with his arm stretched to its full extent. Each touch was laid on with great firmness, and his physical strength enabled him to do without the assistance of a maulstick, while the distance at which he stood from the canvas allowed him to have the whole of a large picture in sight and so judge the correct drawing of each touch."

Beauty Never Dies.

Nothing of beauty dies without having purified something, nor can aught of beauty be lost. Let us not be afraid of sowing it along the road. It may remain there for weeks or years, but like the diamond it cannot dissolve, and finally there will pass some one whom its glitter will attract. He will pick it up and go his way rejoicing. Then why keep back a lofty, beautiful word, for that you doubt others will understand? An instant of higher goodness was impending over you. Why hinder its coming even though you believe not that those about you will profit thereby? What if you are among the men of the valley, is that sufficient reason for checking the instinctive movement of your soul toward the mountain peaks?—Maurice Maeterlinck.

Herculaneum and Pompeii.

The twin cities of mournful destiny were both engulfed at the same time—August, 79 A. D. The reason why Herculaneum has not been excavated to the same extent as Pompeii is owing to the fact that it was covered with a much harder material than was Pompeii; the dust predominating in Pompeii, while the lava prevailed over Herculaneum. There is not much doubt about the eventual opening up of both cities. Human curiosity, together with the demands of history and science, will not rest until Herculaneum has been made to tell its secrets.—New York American.

Norway In Scotland.

The Orkney and Shetland islands, strictly speaking, belong to the kingdom of Norway. Toward the close of the fifteenth century King Christian of Norway pledged the Orkneys and the Shetlands, over which his rule was undisputed, to King James III. of Scotland for the payment of the dowry of his daughter Margaret, who became queen of Scotland. The pledge has not been redeemed.

Selecting Judges.

Dr. Franklin thought that judges ought to be appointed by lawyers, for, added the shrewd man, in Scotland, where this practice prevails, they always select the ablest member of the profession in order to get rid of him and share his practice among themselves.

The Oldest Order.

What is the oldest order in existence? The claim is made for that of the holy sepulcher. It appears that no date or the name of a founder can be assigned to the Order of the Holy Sepulcher, though there is a legendary tradition that traces its origin to the time of Charlemagne. In the middle of the last century, however, when the Latin patriarchate of Jerusalem was re-established, the office of grand master of the order was transferred to it by Pope Pius IX, who many years later, in 1868, created by statute three ranks of the order—the grand cross, commander and knight. The costume is a white cloak with the cross of Jerusalem in red enamel. The pope himself is grand master of the order.—Westminster Gazette.

Reason Was Plain.

"My husband has deserted me, and I want a warrant," announced the large lady.

"What reason did he have for deserting you?" asked the prosecutor.

"I don't want any up from you; I want a warrant. I don't know what reason he had."

"I think I understand his reason," said the official feebly as he proceeded to draw up a warrant.—Pittsburgh Post.

Quite Deaf.

[illegible] court said that he wished to call his mother as a witness the court officer observed that she had been in court all the time and had heard the evidence.

The Mother (from the rear of the court)—Yes, but I'm stone deaf and can't hear a word. The Clerk (in a whisper)—Quite deaf? The Mother—Yes.

Consumption

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AMONG THE THEATRES

THE PALACE—CHARLEROI

New Year's week witnessed a period of stellar features at the Palace Theatre, Beginning Monday night with "The Unknown Mother," one of those big three-reel foreign features, a succession of charming attractions has been presented. This great film was an exposition of a phase of foreign life, that is graphically prortrayed in the works of Gaboreau, Dumas and other French writers. For a New Year attraction the Palace presented 'Monte Carlo,' which showed the gay life at this noted gambling resort, the last great legalized concern of the kind that is permitted to operate openly in the civilized world, and which in exchange for its franchise pays all the public expenses of the diminutive principality of Monaco. New Year's being Pathe Weekly night No. 52 of this popular pictorial review proved a drawing holiday attraction. The Bulletin showed scenes from the seat of the Balkan war, in Turkey, in Servia, and other points. An interesting scene was the reading of the declaration of peace in the Turkish-Italian war in Tripoli. The recent Congress of Governors was shown in Richmond, Va. The launching of a Hudson River steamer, attended by 50 red-headed girls was also shown. In addition to these special features was the usual quota of the best releases of the licensed films, which are so popular with patrons of the Palace

THE COYLE—CHALREROI.

A memorable program featured New Year's week at the Coyle Theatre. On New Year's Day was presented "The Vengeance of Egypt," which scored another triumph for Manager R. S. Coyle who is bending every effort to make his three-reel features worth the extra price charged. The story of "The Vengeance of Egypt" has all the potency of one of the weird tales of Edgar Allen Poe, in which the stealing of a ring from a mummy's finger brought a century of disaster in its wake. Another feature that was presented on New Year's day was "The Goat Girl of Bear Canyon." While this was a drama, the setting was a goat ranch in Mexico, which gave the picture unique interest, where great herds of goats instead of sheep, cattle or horses, were shown. "A Four Footed Hero,' was a remarkable film showing equine intelligence that was all but human. "The World Weary Man," was another masterpiece of King Baggot. "A Day at West Point" was an interesting educational scene showing how Uncle Sam trains soldiers for the making of great generals and commanders. Other feature films were "Beauty Takes a Tramp," which was funnier than a Sunday comic supplement. "To the City," was was a pretty story of how two sisters escaped the pitfalls of a big city and how they returned to the farm before it was too late. These and many more of the latest and best releases made a most excellent bill for the week

THE STAR—CHALREROI.

Many drawing attractions featured the New Year's bill at the Star Theatre this week. The New Year's day bill was composed of "Flesh and Blood" in two reels, "Adventures of a Handsame Young Man" and "Boxing Under Difficulties." 'Flesh and Blood" is the thrilling story of a detective, who finds that his son is the perpetrator of a jewel robbery case on which he is working. He assumes the responsibility of the crime to save his son. The latter, who has been hurt in the chase that resulted in his capture and the fastening of the crime on him, confesses as soon as he is convalescent and releases his father. Other strong dramas of the week were "The Prodigal Wife," "In Time of Peril," in which a young man proves his worth and wins his sweetheart, 'The Price of Paradise," and "Jim Bentley's Adventure." The week closes with "Hazel Kirk," the strong old-time drama for Friday and "The Thief's Wife." "The Broken Idol" and an entertaining educational picture for Saturday. For Monday the Star has booked "The Civilian," a thrilling Broncho film in two reels.

THE ALVIN—PITTSBURG.

"Bunty Pulls the Strings" a delightful comedy from the pen of Mr. Graham Moffat has recently finished a year's run at the Comedy Theatre, New York and comes to the Alvin Theatre, Pittsburg next week for six evenings and matinees on Wednesday and Saturday. The New York company has averaged ten performances a week in order to satisfy the demand for this quaint play. The story itself is of the Biggar family. Bunty is the only daughter of Tammas Biggar, a small merchant in a small Scotch village. Her mother dies and Bunty is the little mother of the family. She pulls the strings managing everyone except her father, who is unbending as a bar of steel, but he has a past. When a young man he fled from his home town and left his bride-to-be-waiting at the church, and for 30 years she has been known as the deserted bride. Then there is Susie Simpson, a vinegar-faced old maid who has loaned Tammas a matter of one hundred pounds and who, in lieu of payment, proposes that he marry her; and Weelum Sprunt, the sweetheart of Bunty. Rab, Bunty's younger brother who had a strong inclination to go to Glasgow where he can see the sights.

The trouble breaks one Sunday morning just as the family is starting for the Kirk. The old sweetheart of Tammas puts in an appearance, and Susie Simpson, overhearing the conversation between them, demands that the policeman arrest Tammas. Then Bunty starts pulling the strings to save her father, which she eventually does by promising payment from the nest egg that Wellum has intrusted to her to buy furniture after their marriage. After she saves her father, she arranges a wedding between him and his old sweetheart, also arranging her own wedding and the departure of Rab for Glasgow. The company includes Miss Molly Pearson, Edmund Baresford, Miss Vera Pole, Mr. Ethelbert Hales, Mr. Sunderson Moffat, Miss Amy Singleton, Miss Margaret Nybloc. Mr J. E. McGregor, Miss Marjorie Davidson, Mr Leonard Booker and others

THE GRAND—PITTSBURG.

A group of attractive acts and a cotiere of distinguished players will be gathered on the stage at the Grand next week, beginning Monday afternoon, January 6, to provide high class, refined vaudeville for Mr. Davis' discriminating clientele. Nothing all that has been done vaudeville is attracting more favorable comment from press and public than "In the Barracks" a melodious military operetta which will be interpreted by a company of 16 including that delightful comedian of many pleasant memories, Myles McCarthy, the the beautiful and accomphshed prima donna comedienne. Nellie Brewster, lately leading woman with Richard Carle; the thrush-throated tenor of the original "Chocolate Soldier" company, Frank Rushworth, and the principal basso of the New York Hippodrome, W H Clark

No name in the directory of famous players is more illustrious than William H. Thompson, the veteran character actor and former star of "The Secret of Polichenelh." Mr Thompson is coming next week with a new play by Frederic Sargent, entitled "An Object Lesson"

Another legitimate star in the bill next week is Joe Welch, who is also quite well and favorably known to vaudeville habitues. An amusing travesty on musical comedy will be played and sung by Evans Lloyd and Miss Whitehouse, a capable pair who are making their first tour of the vaudeville theatres.

A sister act out of the ordinary will be given by the Three Dixon girls, who are now upon their first American tour. Their specialty is dancing and it is doubtful if a more nimble-footed trio has been seen upon the American stage. There are many other attractive features in the program for the forthcoming week in addition to some very excellent motion pictures shown by the wonderful Kinemacolor process.

RAZORS IN CHINA.

They Cost Little, but They Are Made From Old Iron Horseshoes.

An interesting feature of Chinese industry is the making of knives and razors from old horseshoes. The local blacksmiths in the interior cities and towns supply the great population of the empire with knives, razors and scissors of an inferior quality at a very small cost. This cutlery comes from small shops, where only one or two men are employed, usually the proprietor and his sons, and is chiefly made from old horseshoes imported from England and the continent. A discarded steel shoe offers the best material for blades, but the blacksmiths prefer the old shoes of soft iron that come from Glasgow and Hamburg.

One British firm at Tientsin brought over a cargo of old horseshoes from Australia recently, but could not dispose of them, as the native smiths said that the iron was too hard. They like the soft iron because it can be more easily worked by their primitive methods.

A razor commonly used by the poorer class, having a cutting edge of less than two inches, costs 20 tung tzus, about 9 cents in American currency. Upon the strop the blade takes a fair cutting edge, but is too soft to hold it. Any number of stroppings are necessary before the act of shaving can be completed. After the blades are forged they are simply case hardened and not subjected to the careful tempering employed in the production of western cutlery.—Youth's Companion.

THE "GOBLIN FRIAR."

One of the Specters That Are Said to Haunt Newstead Abbey.

Newstead abbey, the home of Lord Byron, has the reputation of being haunted by more than one specter, and many [illegible] sights have been heard and seen by residents and visitors there. But the best known and most noted specter connected with the place and immortalized in Byron verse is the "Goblin Friar." The particular chamber which this specter is supposed especially to frequent and which is known par excellence as the "haunted chamber" adjoins Byron's bedroom. Lord Byron and many others not only believed in the existence of the Black Friar, but asserted that they had really seen it. It did not confine its visitations, however, to the "haunted chamber," but at night walked the cloisters and other portions of the abbey.

A monk arrayed
In cowl and beads and dusky garb appeared,
Now in the moonlight and now lapsed in shade,
With steps that trod as heavy, yet unheard.

This apparition is the evil genius of the Byrons, and its appearance portends misfortune of some kind to the member of the family to whom it appears. Lord Byron [illegible] believed that he beheld this apparition a short time before the greatest misfortune of his life, his ill starred union with Miss Millbanke. Alluding to his belief in these things, he said:

I merely mean to say what Johnson said—
That in the course of some six thousand years
All nations have believed that from the dead
A visitant at intervals appears.
And what is strangest upon this strange head
Is that whatever bars the reason rears
Gainest such beliefs there's something stronger still
In its behalf, let those deny who will
—Kansas City Star.

HAYDN AND THE ROD.

When the Budding Composer Was Flogged by Royal Command.

An amusing incident of the healthy boyhood of the great composer, Joseph Haydn, is given by Mary Maxwell Moffat in her biography of the Austrian empress, Maria Theresa.

When von Reutter became choirmaster of St. Stephen's cathedral he had Joseph Haydn among his pupils.

During a visit to the Hungarian Prince Esterhazy, in 1773, Maria Theresa took occasion to say a word of praise to Haydn, who had composed the music of the opera given in her honor and had conducted the performance. She expressed the conviction that she had seen him before, although she could not remember the occasion.

"The last time your majesty was pleased to take notice of me," said Haydn, "you ordered me a good thrashing."

"That does not sound like me," rejoined the empress. "How did it happen?"

Then Haydn told of a Whitsuntide when, with other pupils of Von Reutter, he had been brought to Schoenbrunn to sing in the chapel. Between the services the boys took to clambering over the scaffolding of the new wings of the palace. The empress caught sight of them and sent word forbidding the dangerous sport. But the attraction of the scaffolding was irresistible. On the following day the boys were again risking their necks. When Maria Theresa expostulated with Von Reutter his surmise that the ringleader was "that young scamp, Joseph Hadyn," led her to suggest that the rod be used to improve his memory.

The Glowworm Cavern.

The greatest wonder of the antipodes is the celebrated glowworm cavern discovered in 1891 in the heart of the Tasmanian wilderness. The cavern or caverns (there appears to be a series of such caverns in the vicinity, each separate and distinct) are situated near the town of Southport, Tasmania, in a limestone bluff, about four miles from Ida bay. The appearance of the main cavern is that of an underground river, the entire floor of the subterranean passage being covered with water about a foot and a half in depth. These wonderful Tasmanian caves are similar to all caverns found in limestone formation, with the exception that their roofs and sides literally shine with the light emitted by the millions of glowworms which inhabit them.

Strange Cure For Lunacy.

Our forefathers were so fond of the whip that they seem to have regarded it as a cure for lunacy and even for smallpox. The accounts of a Huntingdonshire parish under date 1691 have the entry, "Pd in charges taking up a distracted woman, watching her and whipping her next day, 8s. 6d.," and a few years later eightpence is paid for "whipping two people yt had the smallpox."—London Standard.

How, Indeed?

Small Boy—Sister said to ask if you had any invisible ink. New Drug Clerk (after looking among some bottles)—I guess we haven't, at least I don't see any. Small Boy (contemptuously)—Huh! How do you expect to see it if it's invisible?—Chicago News.

Tart Retort.

[illegible] glad to see your baby has shut up, madam. Mother—Yes, sir. You are the only thing that's pleased him since he saw the animals eat at the zoo.—Puck.

If your spirits are low do something, and if you have been doing something do something different.—E. E. Hale.

WHAT IS DIRT?

How the Question Was Answered by a Professor of Chemistry.

An old college professor used to say to his students: "What is dirt? Don't be afraid of a little dirt, young gentleman. What is dirt? Why, nothing at all offensive when chemically viewed. Rub a little alkali upon that dirty grease spot on your coat, and it undergoes a chemical change and becomes soap. Now rub it with a little water, and it disappears. It is neither grease, soap, water nor dirt.

"That is not a very odorous pile of dirt you observe there. Well, scatter a little gypsum over it, and it is no longer dirty. Everything you call dirt is worthy of your notice as students of chemistry. Analyze it, analyze it! It will all separate into very clear elements.

"Dirt makes corn, corn makes bread and meat, and that makes a very sweet young lady that I saw one of you kissing last night. So, after all, you were kissing dirt, particularly if she whitened her skin with chalk or fuller's earth.

"There is no telling, young gentlemen, what is dirt, though I may say that rubbing such stuff upon the beautiful skin of a young lady is a dirty practice. Nice pearly face powder is made of [illegible]—nothing but dirt.—Exchange.

MIXED WIVES.

The Dilemma That Mr. Church Faced and How He Mastered It.

In the early part of the last century there lived in an old New England town a Mr. Church, who in the course of his early life was bereft of four wives, all of whom were buried in the same lot.

In his old age it became necessary to remove the remains to a new cemetery. This he undertook himself, but in the process the bones became hopelessly mixed.

His "New England conscience" would not allow him under the painful circumstances to use the original headstones, so he procured new ones, one of which bore the following inscription.

"Here lies Hannah Church and probably a portion of Emily."

Another

"Sacred to the memory of Emily Church, who seems to be mixed with Matilda."

Then followed these lines:

Stranger, pause and drop a tear
For Emily Church lies buried here.
Mixed in some perplexing manner
With Mary, Matilda and probably Hannah

—Exchange.

A Bit of English Humor.

An English humorist many years ago hit upon a neat way of scoring against certain politicians of the times. A comic journal not being a newspaper within the meaning of the act, was prohibited from giving news, and so in place of a parliamentary report the humorist in question reported a few "first lines" from speeches by prominent members. "Sir Charles Wetherell said he was not sensible"—"Mr. Hunt was entirely ignorant"—"Lord Ashley said he should take the earliest opportunity of moving"—"Mr Perceval presented a petition praying"—"Colonel Sibthorpe never could understand"—"Lord Lyndhurst said he must entreat of every one to give him credit"—"Sir Edward Sugden was not one of those who thought"—"Mr. Cobbett said he had the fullest assurance"—

Wonderful Fiddles.

One of the greatest fiddles that ever were known was to be seen at the French court at the time of Charles IX. This was a viol so large that several boys could be placed inside of it. These boys used to sit inside this queer instrument and sing the airs that the man who handled the bow was playing on the viol outside. The effect is said to have been very beautiful, though it would seem as if the presence of the lads in its interior would seriously interfere with the tone of the "great fiddle" as it was called. Many years after another huge instrument of this kind was used at concerts in Boston. It was so large that to play it the fiddler had to stand on a table to use his bow at the proper point on the strings. This instrument was called "the grandfather of fiddles."

Columbia River Thrice Named.

The Columbia river has had three names. It was first called the Oregon. Afterward it was called the St. Roque, but when it was discovered by Robert Gray in 1792 it was given the name of his vessel the Columbia, in place of the two floating appellations, Oregon and St. Roque. According to Whitney the original name of the river was the Orejon, "big ear" or "one that has big ears," the allusion being to the custom of the Indians who were found in its region of stretching their ears by boring them and crowding them with ornaments.

Both Hate Him.

"Funny thing," remarked Wilson musingly. "Tom Wilkins and Edith Brown used to be great friends of mine. I introduced them to each other. They got married and now neither of them will speak to me. Wonder what the reason can be?"

Sometimes They Are.

Little Sister—What are goose eggs in a baseball game? Big Brother—Innings in which no runs are made. Why do you ask? Little Sister—Oh, I thought they were laid by the fouls of the game.—Chicago News.

How well you live matters, and not how long.

FAITH OF THE FOREST.

Curious Traits of One of the Savage Tribes of Siberia.

Concerning one of the obscure races of northwestern Siberia a traveler writes: "A few of the traits of these curious people may prove of interest, as they show that environment is the strongest factor in determining character. Their intense superstition is accounted for by innate fear of all things they cannot understand. Their shyness, dislike of strangers and dread of their lamas and chiefs are again the result of superstition and seclusion. Sadness and melancholia are stamped on their faces, as is natural to a people who are in constant fear of the gods of the mountains, rivers and forests, whose whole time is taken up with propitiating the gods lest evil befall them.

"The Chukchai is a product of the forest as the Arab is of the desert. The one is the antithesis of the other. Environment has molded the character of each to his surroundings. The fearless believer in one God, the nomad of the sunlit desert, compares strikingly with the superstitious inhabitants of dark, damp forests, fearsome of evil spirits and cringing under their witch doctors.

[illegible] is in fear of offending the deities, and at death his corpse is carried out and placed on some lone hilltop, where the wild beasts are expected to devour it. If the man has led a good life, but bad Chukchai have not that doubtful honor bestowed upon them."—Chicago News.

Ventilation.

Have we ever stopped to think how our ancestors two or three generations back lived and flourished with little or no ventilation in their sleeping apartments? The night air used to be considered a very dreadful menace to health and a sure inducer of colds. Bedrooms were kept closely shut, and yet our ancestors many of them, were hardier than we and lived to good old ages. Animals burrow in their holes at night breathing the same air over and over again, while birds and fowls tuck their heads under their wings. Of course ventilation is absolutely necessary for proper comfort, cleanliness and health but people have lived on little or none of it for hundreds and thousands of years.—Exchange.

A Giant Pepys Saw.

King James I had a gigantic porter eight feet six inches in height, but he was not perfect, being round shouldered, knock-kneed and lame in one foot. Of a similar height was Charles Munster, a trooper of the Hanoverian guard who died in 1676, and seven years before there was being exhibited in London a Dutchman eight feet nine inches high, anent whom in Pepys' diary we find the following entry on Aug. 15, 1669: "Went to Charing Cross to see the great Dutchman. I did walk under his arm with my hat on and could not reach his chin with the tips of my fingers."

Happiness.

If you cannot be happy in one way be in another, and this facility of disposition wants but little aid from philosophy to [illegible] health and good humor and almost the whole affair. Many run about after [illegible] in absentminded musing for [illegible] while it is in his hand or on his head.

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PERSONAL AND LOCAL

A. P. Stewart is spending the day in Pittsburg.

C. R. Peregrine is in Pittsburg today on business.

Miss Louise Milliken is visiting today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Milliken of McKean avenue.

Mrs. J. Frew and daughter Miss Mildred Lou have returned from a visit at Connellsville.

Mrs. N. Clark is here from Ohio to visit at the home of her father B. L. Parsons.

Miss Jessie E. Copeland left this morning for Erie, where she will visit relatives. She was accompanied home by her nephew, Master Raymond Yenny, who spent the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Copeland, of Eighth street.

Robert McGowan, a student at the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston, Mass, who has been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McGowan, at North Charleroi, left today for Boston.

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

Lutheran.

Washington and Sixth. Sunday school at 9:45. Holy communion at 11. Luther League at 6:30. Subject "How Can We Make This an Acceptable Year?" Ralph Anthony, leader. Vespers with sermon at 7:30. Subject, "The Young Man's Peril." Holy communion continued at evening service. The public is cordially invited to all services. Rev. C. P. Bastian, pastor.

First Presbyterian.

Sunday school at 9:45. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Junior C. E. at 2:30. Senior C. E. at 6:45. Evening service at 7:30. Special services will be observed during the day. A week of prayer will be observed next week. Rev. J. T. Hacket, pastor.

Baptist.

Bible school at 9:45. Election of officers for the year. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Subject "Our Outlook of the New Year." The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will follow the morning worship. All are welcome. Rev. E. G. Stanley, pastor.

Methodist Episcopal.

Corner Lincoln and Sixth. Church and and Sunday school at 10:30. Junior Epworth League at 2. Epworth League at 6:30. Preaching service, subject of sermon, "The True Church," at 7:30. Everybody welcome to the home-like church. Rev. F. A. Richards, minister.

Washington Avenue Presbyterian.

Preaching at 11. Sermon, "The Place of Visions in Life." Jr. C. E. at 2:30. Sr. C. E. at 6:30, topic, "The Ideal Christian." Preaching at 7:30. Sermon, "First Things First." This church will observe the week of prayer. Service each evening at 7:30. A cordial invitation to enjoy these services with us is extended to all. Rev. Jno. R. Burson pastor.

St. Mary's Episcopal.

Corner Sixth and Lookout. Sunday school and Bible classes at 9:45. Anti-communion service, sermon and celebration of the holy communion at 11. Subject of discourse "The New Year and the New Life." Evening prayer and address at 7:30. Subject; "Redeeming the Time." At the morning service Mrs. Samuel Brown of Chicago will sing the offertory. All are cordially invited. Rev. Lucius W. Shey, rector.

First Christian.

Fallowfield near Sixth. Bible school at 9:45. Make a date with our live wire school. Lord's supper and preaching at 11. Subject of sermon; "The Speech of a Christian." Evening worship at 7:30. Subject of sermon "The Impeded Man." Baptisms at the close of this service. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:30. Friday evening, January 10, Rev. F. A. Bright will lecture on the subject, "Is Marriage a Failure." This is the people's church. All strangers are cordially invited to attend. All are welcome. Come. Rev. E. N. Duty, pastor.

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Miss Rebecca A. Cameron and Miss Harriet M. Brake, of Knoxville, after visiting the formers cousin, Miss Edith Crill a few days, returned home today.

B. Greenberg has returned from a visit in Philadelphia with relatives.

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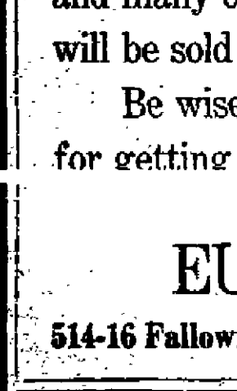
His Kind Heart.

Squire Hornbottle—For a married man you seem to have a lot of time to loaf around the depot and stores. Newt Neverswet—You see, squire, I'm so soft hearted it breaks me all up to sit around the house and watch my wife work so hard.—Washington Times.

Genuine Economy.

Husband. We must begin to economize. Wife. Yes; I began today by cutting all your cigars lengthwise, so that they will last you twice as long.—Satire.



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Made a Strike Too.

In an imperial city a criminal was condemned to be beheaded who had a singular feeling to pay at once. While his sentence was pronouncing he had the temerity to offer a request to be permitted to play once more at his favorite game at the place of execution, and then, he said, he would submit without a murmur. As the last prayer of a dying man, his request was granted. When arrived at the solemn spot he found everything prepared. The pins being set up and the bowl ready. He played with no little earnestness, but the sheriff at length seeing that he showed no inclination to desist, privately ordered the executioner to strike the fatal blow as he stooped for the bowl. The executioner did so, and the head dropped into the culprit's hand as he raised himself to see what had occurred. He immediately aimed at the nine conceiving that it was the bowl which he grasped. All nine pins falling the head loudly exclaimed: "I have won the game!"—From the German.

An Old Tale and a New One.

The ancient story (or was it a fable?) about the poor boy who carefully picked up a pin in a bank, was given a job by an official of the institution who noted his thrifty act and finally became president of that same bank found a reminder the other day in the figure of a youthful bootblack who during a lull in trade sat upon his box sewing up a rent in his well worn jacket.

"I suppose you expect to be president of a bootblacking trust some day, my lad?" suggested a kindly old gentleman who observed his industry.

"Ah, g'wan," the youthful wielder of the needle replied. "What yer givin' me?"

"What are you doing that kind of work for?" he was asked.

"'Cause me mudder's out workin' all day, an' she's too tired to do it when night comes," said he.

"That trust idea may pan out yet," observed the old man reflectively as he passed on.—New York Globe.

Victoria and the Future.

Queen Victoria's childlike faith in the future life is touchingly revealed in her published letters to Dr. Boyd Carpenter. The only fear that troubled her was lest those she loved who had left this world before her might have outgrown her companionship. "I feel only this doubt," she wrote to Carpenter, "on account of my dear husband, whose tastes were of a higher and different order from mine and who had different interests perhaps from mine. I am far more fit now to be his companion than I used to be, but still I know that he must have soared higher than me."

MUTTON BIRDS IN MILLIONS

Armies of Them Blacken New Zealand's Sky Every Spring.

Yearly, at the coming of spring, the thousand coastal islands of New Zealand, more especially those lying toward the south, become the temporary homes of myriads of mutton birds, which pay a visit for the nesting season. Out of the silence of the great southern ocean come the birds in vast armies. Low dying over the water, for the most part close in shore, the huge flocks draw dark parallels of shadow across the seascape. The birds fly in separate bands, disciplined and massed in a serried whole—a continuous stream that passes between sea and sky. Each army shows a front of perhaps a quarter of a mile, the huge length stretching away league after league into interminable distance.

Stand on the brow of some coasta. headland and watch the passage of one of these bird armies. It is a wonderful sight. Far below one looks down on a heaving floor of close packed, undulating black backs, lit by a myriad scintillations of white tipped wings. So close is the floor, so serried the ranks of the fliers, that the water beneath is hidden as with a carpet.

Hour after hour the passage of the army continues, from dawn till dark and far into the night. In the night the noise of countless beating wings that surges up over the cliff head tells that the army is still on the move till the whir of wings and cries of the rear guard beating up the stragglers grow faint in the distance and one realizes that at last the mighty host has passed on its way.—Wide World Magazine.

Spelling Reform Needed.

An old gentleman from the east was visiting his daughter in San Jose, Cal. Of course he pronounced the name according to the spelling until they impressed it upon him that in Spanish J has the sound of H.

By and by he started to see a son in Watsonville. This town is on a branch line a mile or so from the junction at Pajaro, and as the electric cars from Pajaro to Watsonville passed directly by the son's house, the old gentleman's railway ticket was for Pajaro. He looked at it in a puzzled way, then threw it down in great disgust, exclaiming:

"Well, sir! They can tell me that 'j-o-s-e' spells Hozay,' but they needn't tell me that 'w-a-t-s-o-n' spells Watsonville!"—Exchange.

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THE ANCIENT TRAVELER.

Outfit He Was Advised to Carry In the Eighteenth Century.

A small "Traveler's Guide," dated 1780, contains a good deal of serious advice as to the luggage which should be carried.

"Take," says the book, "two suits of clothes, one coffee colored and one blue; a chest flannel, a pair of leather breeches, a sleeping suit, three pairs of stockings, two pairs of gloves, two wigs, one hair bag (?), two caps, two hats, two pairs of shoes, one pair of slippers, six undershirts, four 'over shirts,' six neckties, six collars, six handkerchiefs, four pairs of cuffs, three cravats, two pairs of cotton hose and two pairs of socks."

But this is not all, as is shown by the following items: "Take a bible, a book of sermons, a 'Traveler's Guide,' two albums, a diary, a quire of white paper, quills and ink, an almanac, a mirror, a silver watch, a silver snuff box, a silver spoon, a pair of silver shoe buckles, a silver tie pin, three silver studs, a gold seal ring, a knife and fork with silver handles, a sewing case, an opera glass, a compass, a wax light and a tinder box, a toothbrush, a silver toothpick, a sword, a silver mounted cane, a padlock with which to fasten your door at night inside, a clothes brush, a box of medicine."—Pall Mall Gazette.

Marking a Book.

There's a dear old chap in this town—too gentle and too modest to put his name or profession into print—who administered a rebuke worth remembering to a young friend. The young man showed him a book in which certain passages were marked with pencil. The older man asked if he might borrow the book.

"I—I can't lend it," said the other. "I borrowed it myself."

"Ah! And who marked these passages?"

"I did."

"Oh, my boy! You shouldn't make penciled comments in a borrowed book."

"I—I—I know it—I"—

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